HYBRID

SONG JI-HYUNG 송지형

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GUARDIAN

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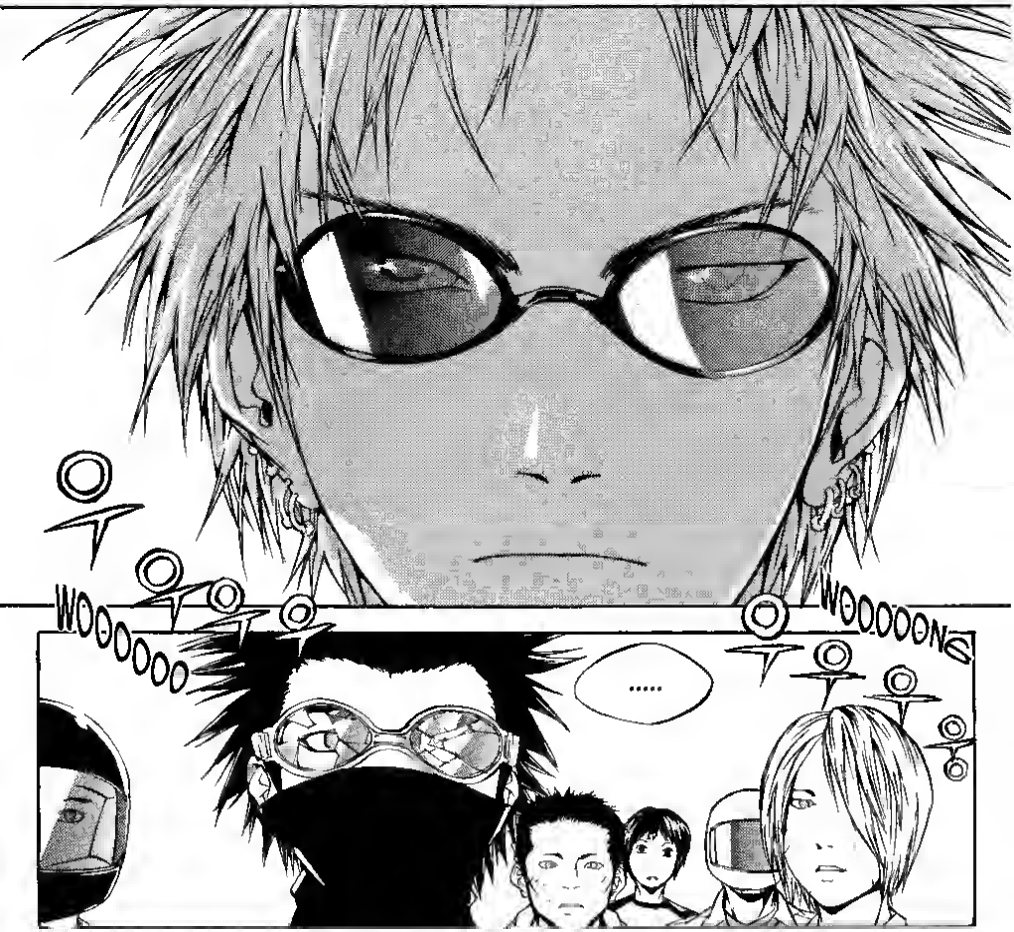
LOG_15:Guardian

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THEM KNUCKLEHEADS ALWAYS DO THIS TO NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK.
THEY WON'T DO IT AGAIN.
SNIFF 훌쩍
훌쩍 SNIFF
RE...
REALLY?
SNIFF 훌쩍
OF COURSE.
THIS IS MY NEIGHBORHOOD.
FROM NOW ON...
...I WILL TAKE CARE OF THINGS.
FWPP 척

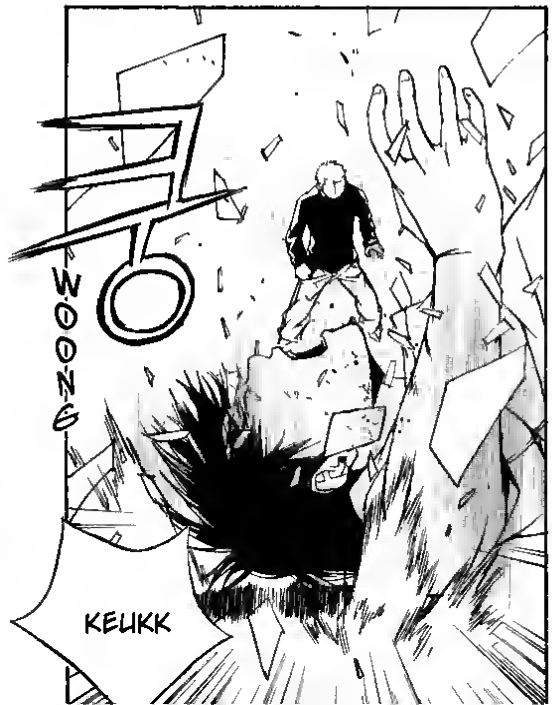
.....
IS THIS YOUR FIRST DAY?
NOD
ДА
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
STATES.
WHAT? AMERICA?
WOW, HOW COOL.
.....
MAYBE WE CAN BE, LIKE, FRIENDS. I'M HUIN CHANG.
....
AND YOU? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ME?
I'M MINA, BACH MINA
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
.....
...


WOOOOOO
.....
WOOOOONE

DRIP
주륵
SGG
스
SSSSS
스
TILT
흔들
!
UH...
MM...

NO NEED TO WORRY.
THERE HAS BEEN A DISCONNECTION.
MMM...
THESE DUDES WERE CONNECTED TO HIM, BUT THEY WILL BE OKAY LATER.
MATTER OF FACT, IF ANYTHING...
DIS...
... CONNEC-TION?
...HE'S THE ONE WHO'S HURT.

KAANG
good day


WOONG
KEUKK

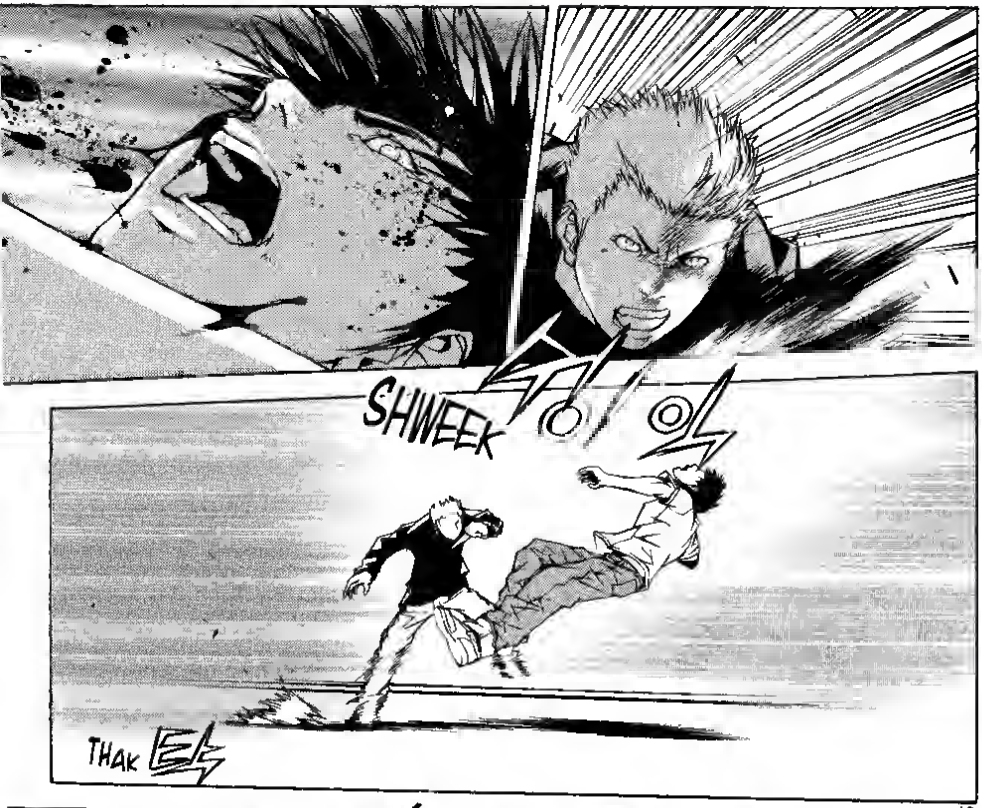
.....

WHAT THE...?

WOO... WOO...
DID HE DISCONNECT ME?
HOW SO....?
SHIT!
SHOULDN'T HAVE UNDERESTIMATED HIM.
PHEEW!
HUIN CHANG...
I KNEW HOW MUCH THIS GUY HATED YOU.

MY ONLY INTENTION WAS TO TEACH YOU A LITTLE LESSON, BUT...
...YOU'RE JUST OUT OF LUCK.
?
THERE'S NO TIME.
WE NEED TO GET THIS OVER WITH.
No matter who stands in the way
MUSIC TO MY EARS.
KTAK
HUKK!

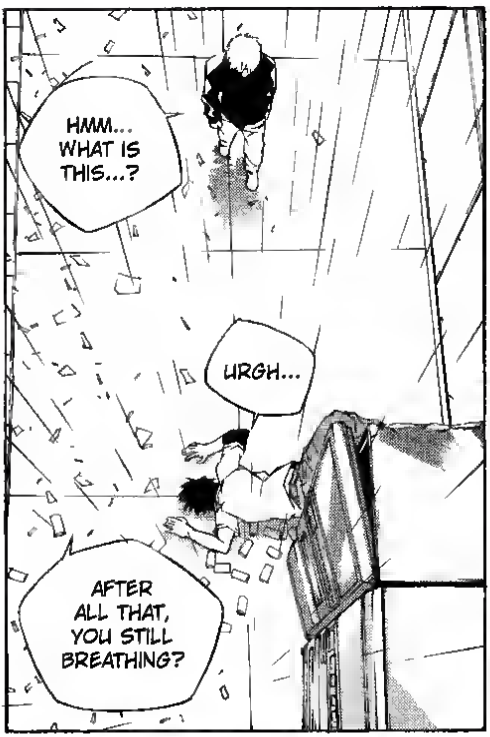
KWAANG
!

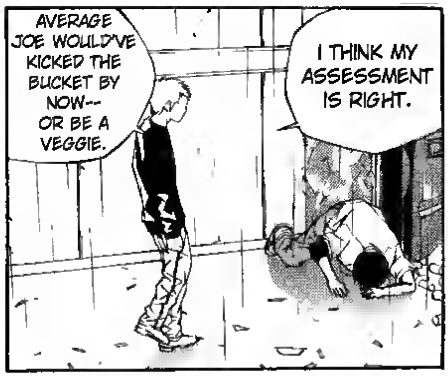

SHWEEK
THAK

PUU
UKK

GA
GA
GANG

WHAM
ROLL ROLL
OTZZ

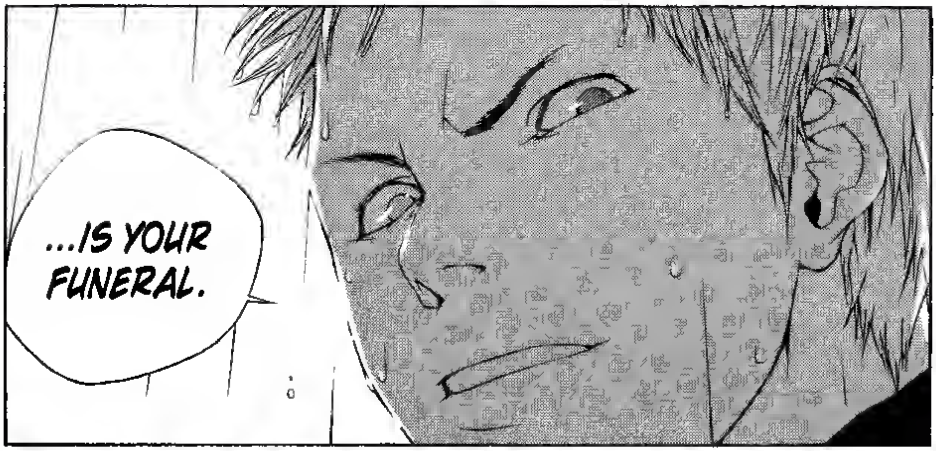

HMM... WHAT IS THIS...?
URGH...
AFTER ALL THAT, YOU STILL BREATHING?

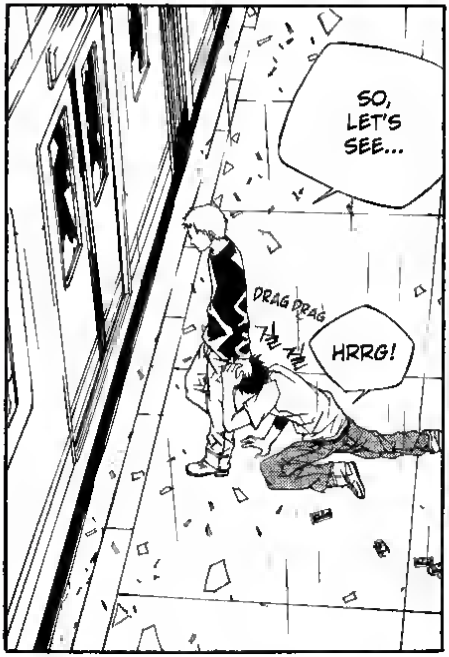

AVERAGE JOE WOULD'VE KICKED THE BUCKET BY NOW-- OR BE A VEGGIE.
I THINK MY ASSESSMENT IS RIGHT.

HAHA, NOW I KNOW.
SOMETHING DIDN'T CLICK WITH ME BEFORE, BUT I SEE NOW, THAT YOU ARE KALI'S...

...GUARDIAN.

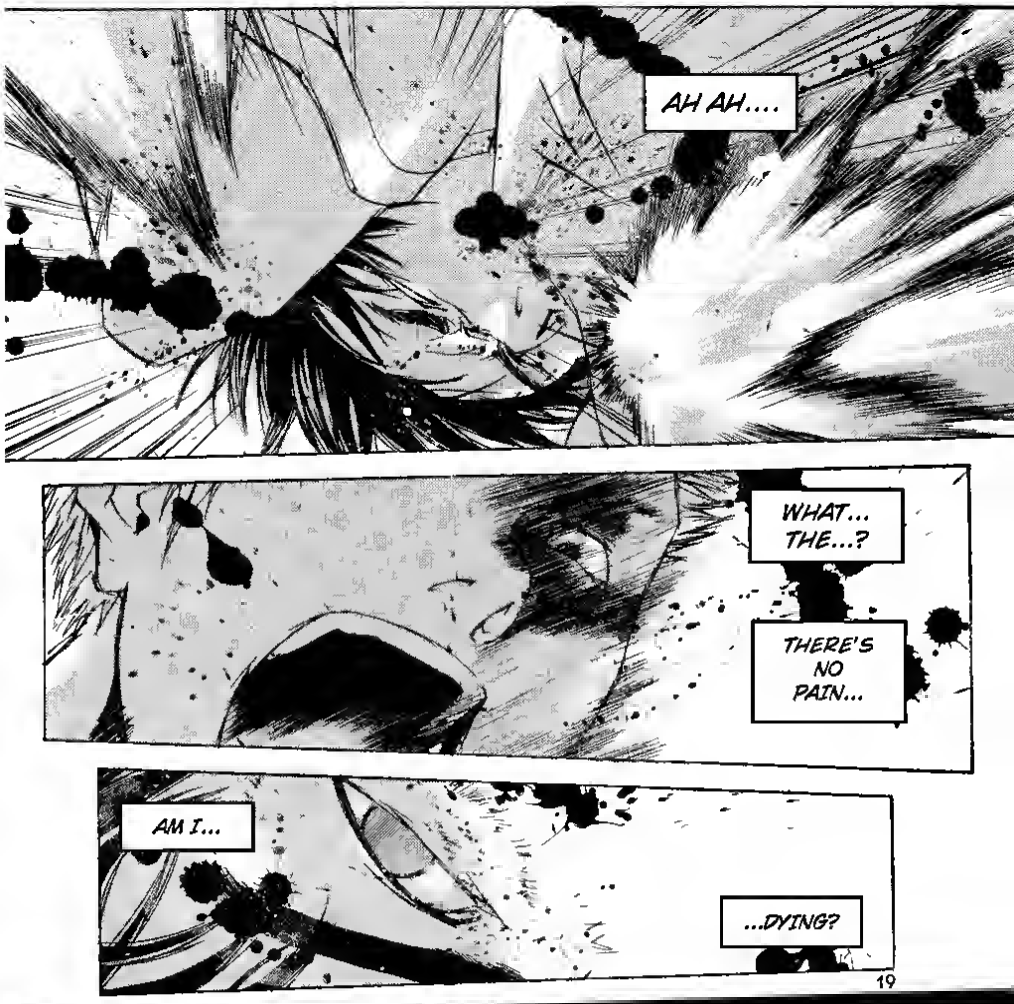
?!
GUAR...DIAN?
MUST SAY THOUGH, I'M DISAP-POINTED.
BECAUSE IT SEEMS I ALWAYS...
...END UP DEALING WITH A LOWLIFE SCUMBAG LIKE YOU.
THEN AGAIN, IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.
WHEN I HOOK UP WITH KALI, WE WON'T NEED YOUR SORRY ASS.
GRAB
PLUS...
...THIS HERE...


...IS YOUR FUNERAL.


SO, LET'S SEE...
DRAG DRAG
HRRG!

YOU'RE FINISHED!

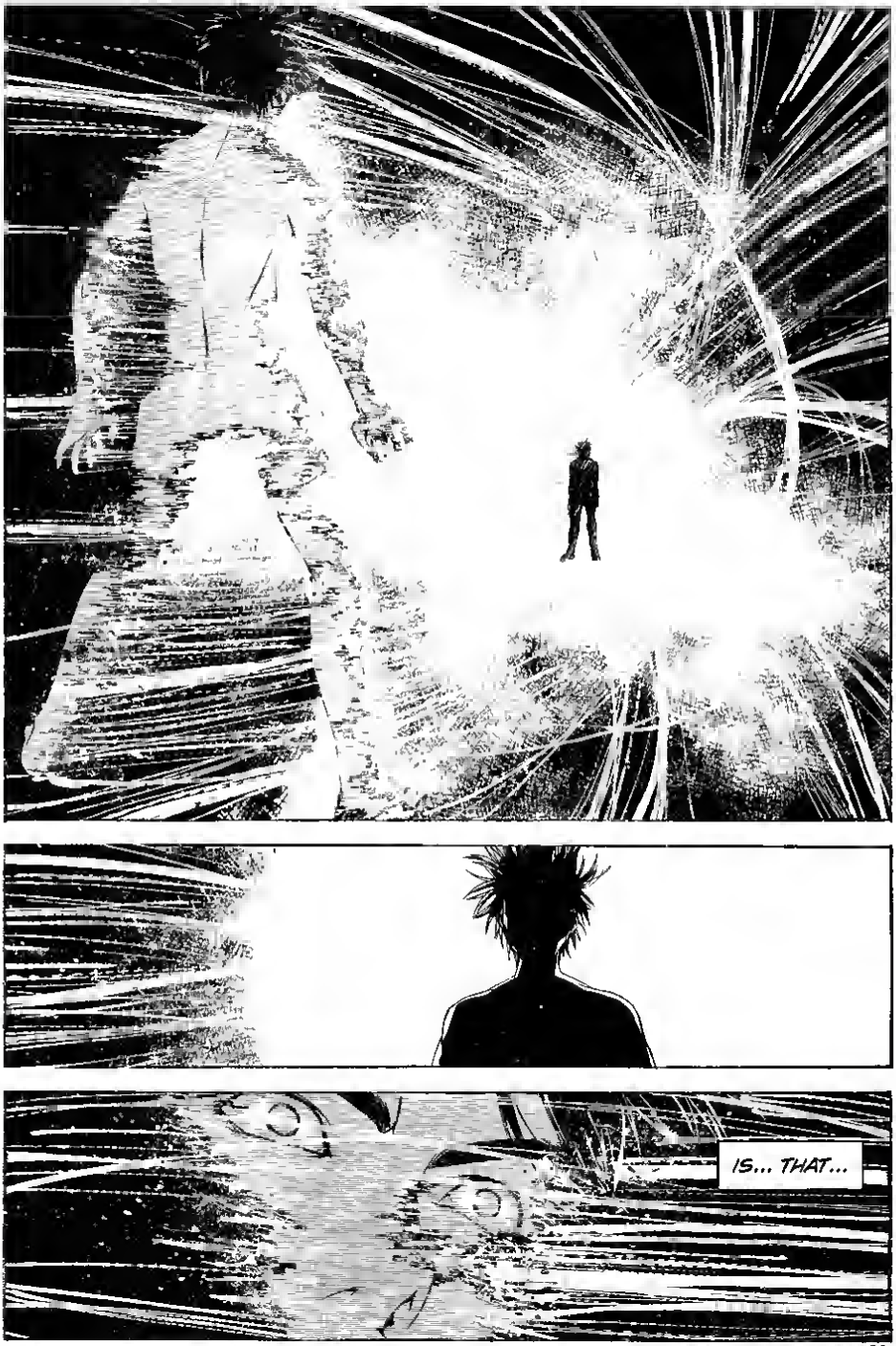
KAANG
ACK!
PUK
PUK
PUK
KRAK
HIWEEK
HUKK!
18
PUK
PUK
DIE!
DIE!
PUK


AH AH....
WHAT... THE...?
THERE'S NO PAIN...
AM I...
...DYING?

NO.

?
WHAT THE...?
NO WAY.
AM I DEAD?
NO, NOT YET.
WHO?
SCHWEEK

SHWEEEEEEEEK
SHWEEEEK
SHWEEEEK
AHHH...
SHWEEK
SHWEEK
LIGHT...
SHWEEEEK
SHWEEK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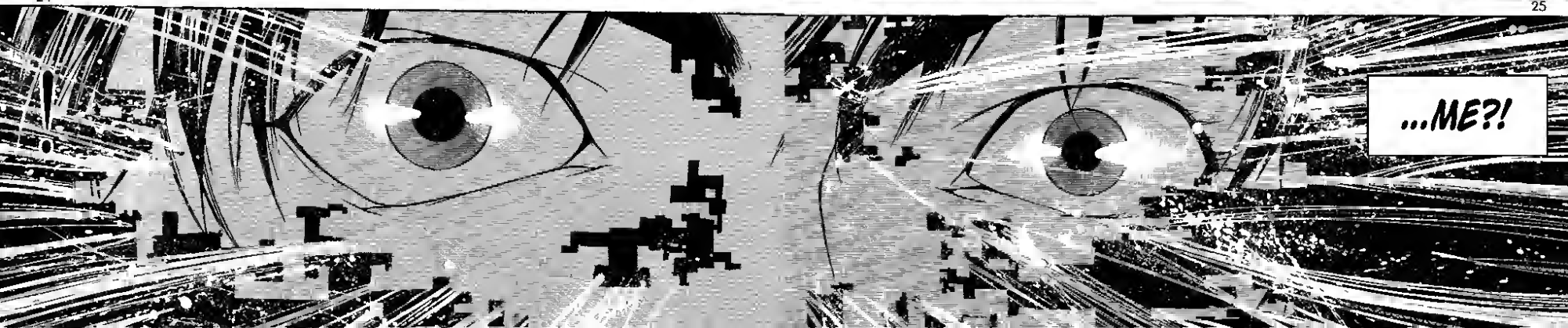
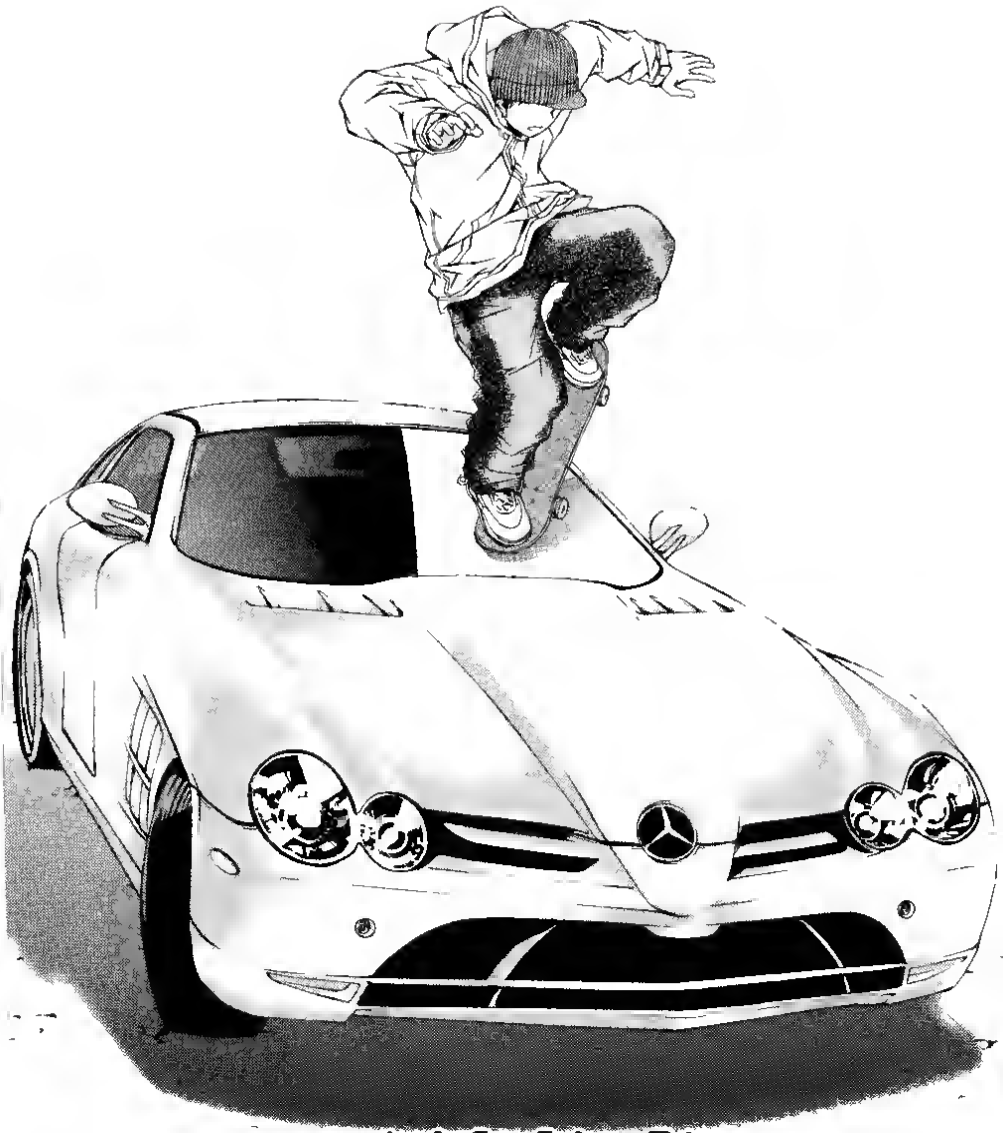

...ME?!

THUK
?!
H...HOW?!
KRRK
AAH!
WOOAAA!
GRAB
LET GO! BITCH! LET GO!

CRUSH
GYAAAA!
THUK
NGAAA...!
SGG
?!

Log-15 END



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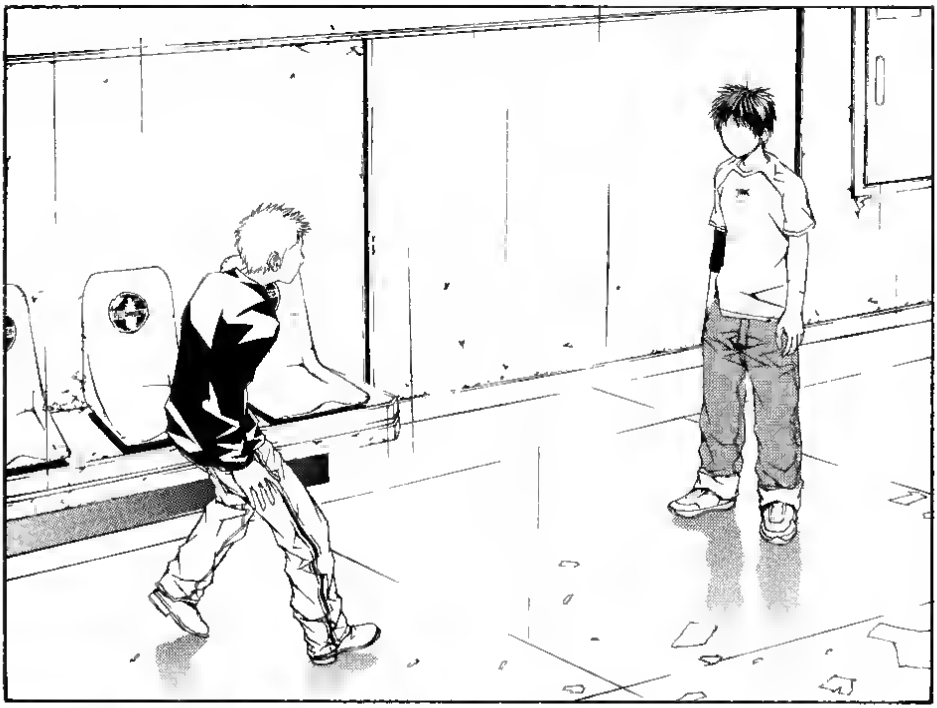

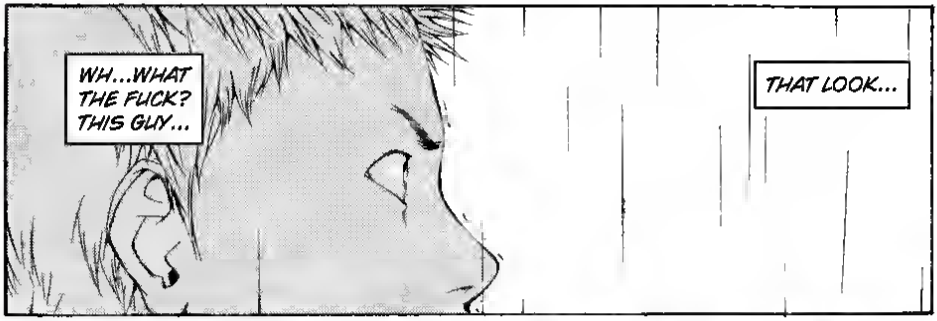
WH...WHAT THE FUCK? THIS GUY...
THAT LOOK...

저벅
KTOK

KA...
LI....
CAN HE REALLY BE.....

MUST BE THE AWAKENING!
IS HIS INSTINCT LEADING HIM TO HER?
TH... THIS IS NOT GOOD. IT'S ALREADY COMPLICATED ENOUGH, BUT NOW A GUARDIAN...
SHIT...
THUD
I DID TELL YOU.
TODAY, YOUR MEAGER EXISTENCE...
...WILL END!

KZZT
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT IF HE'S THE GUARDIAN TO KALI.
I CAN STILL CONTROL HIM.
SHUDDER
GOOD DEAL!
MAYBE THIS IS BETTER! I CAN SUCK OUT ALL THE INFORMATION FROM HIM.

FALLING

?!
WHAT THE FUCK?

SHEEEK
?
SHEEEE SHEEEK
SHEEEK
SHEEEK
SHEEEEEEEEK
SHEEEEEEEEK
OH, SHIT!

KRAK

KAA
RANNG
OOOOG...
THWUMP

탁
HURRY UP!
탁 탁 탁 탁
WHERE'S THE MEDICAL TEAM?!
SIR, THEY JUST ARRIVED!
MOST PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED, SIR!
YEAH?
I DON'T SEE ANY SMOKE. THE EMERGENCY SPRINKLER SYSTEM MUST'VE KICKED IN, SIR.
NEVER MIND THE SMOKE, LET'S FOCUS ON RESCUING REMAINING PASSENGERS ...
AAH!
?

WAAA!
HWEEE

BÄÄ
BAAK
KYAA!

WHAT THE HELL?!

?!

HUKK!
CAP... CAPTAIN...
CAPTAIN, LOOK...
.....
?
CAPTAIN?
CAPTAIN!

KILL!
SHWAK

PUK
PUK
PUK
PUK
CHWAKK
THUNK
YAAA!
THWAK

GODDAMN IT...
DID I UNDER-ESTIMATE THIS PUNK?
I BETTER NOT MAKE ANY MISTAKES
...
OTHERWISE, I COULD GET HURT...
SHA
EWAA
!
BBUKK

WH
BAM
KHAK!
GRAB
AAH!
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THAP
HUKK!
KTHOO
NNGG

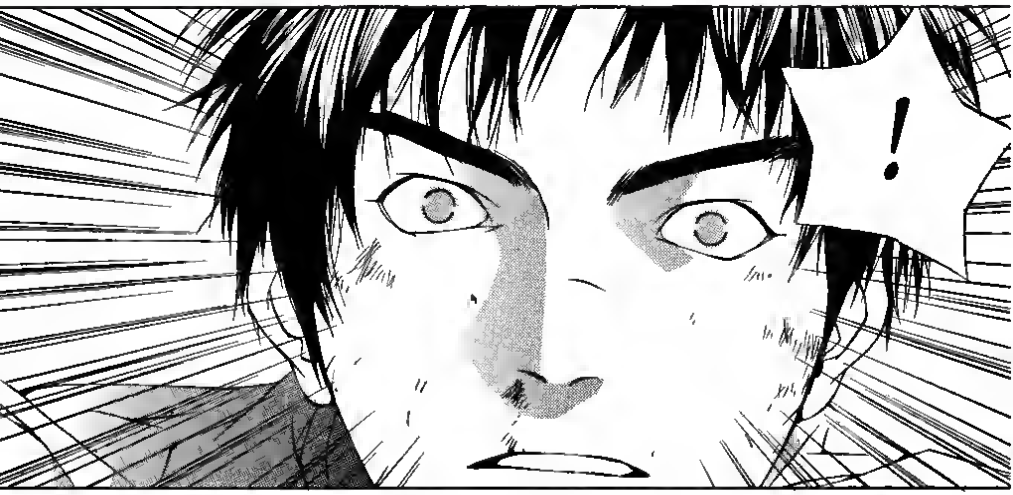
SUDDENLY
!

CAN... CAN THIS BE?!

TOTAL ANNIHILATION?

N... NO!
NO!

HUIN CHANG!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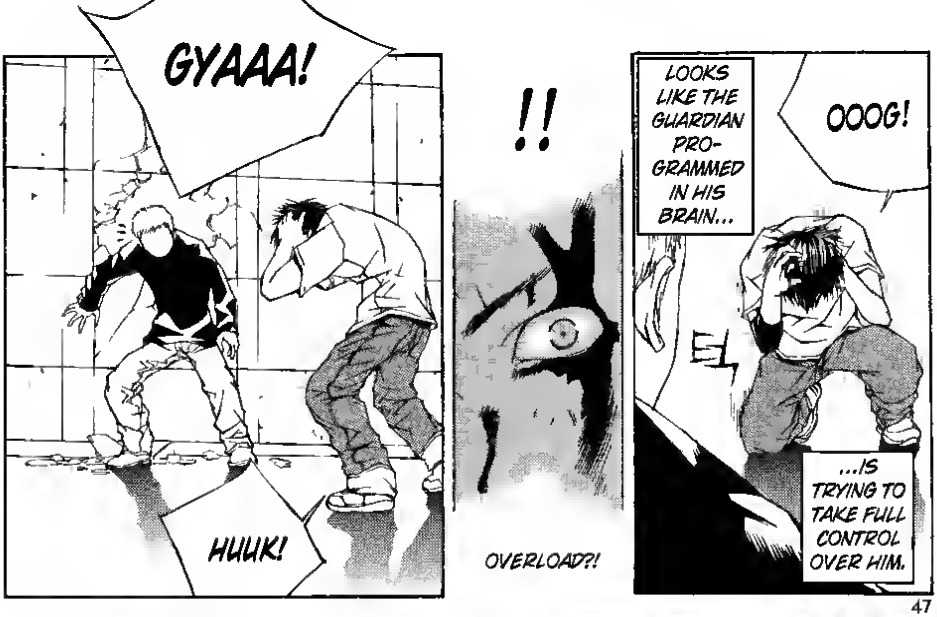
AH AH...
YOU...

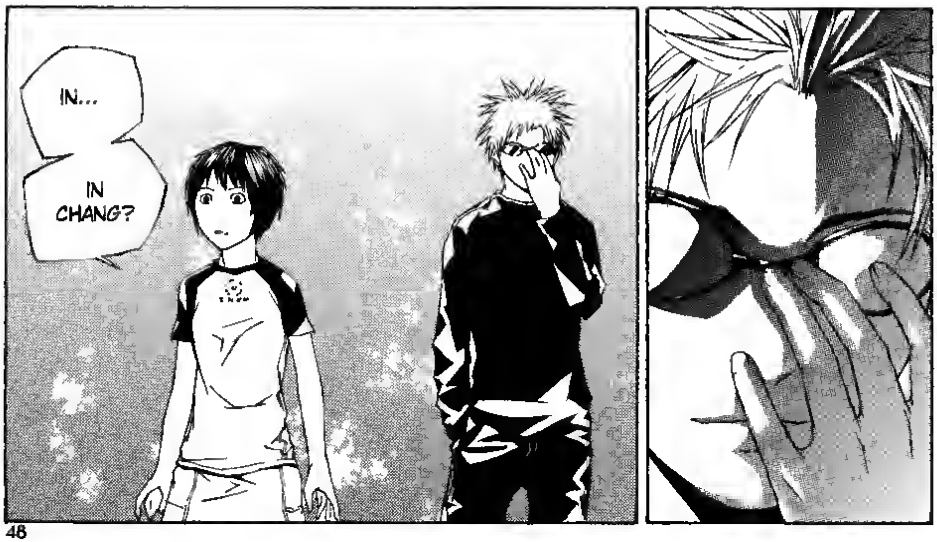
THUNK
털커덕
WOBBLE
비틀
JI...
JIN HOH?

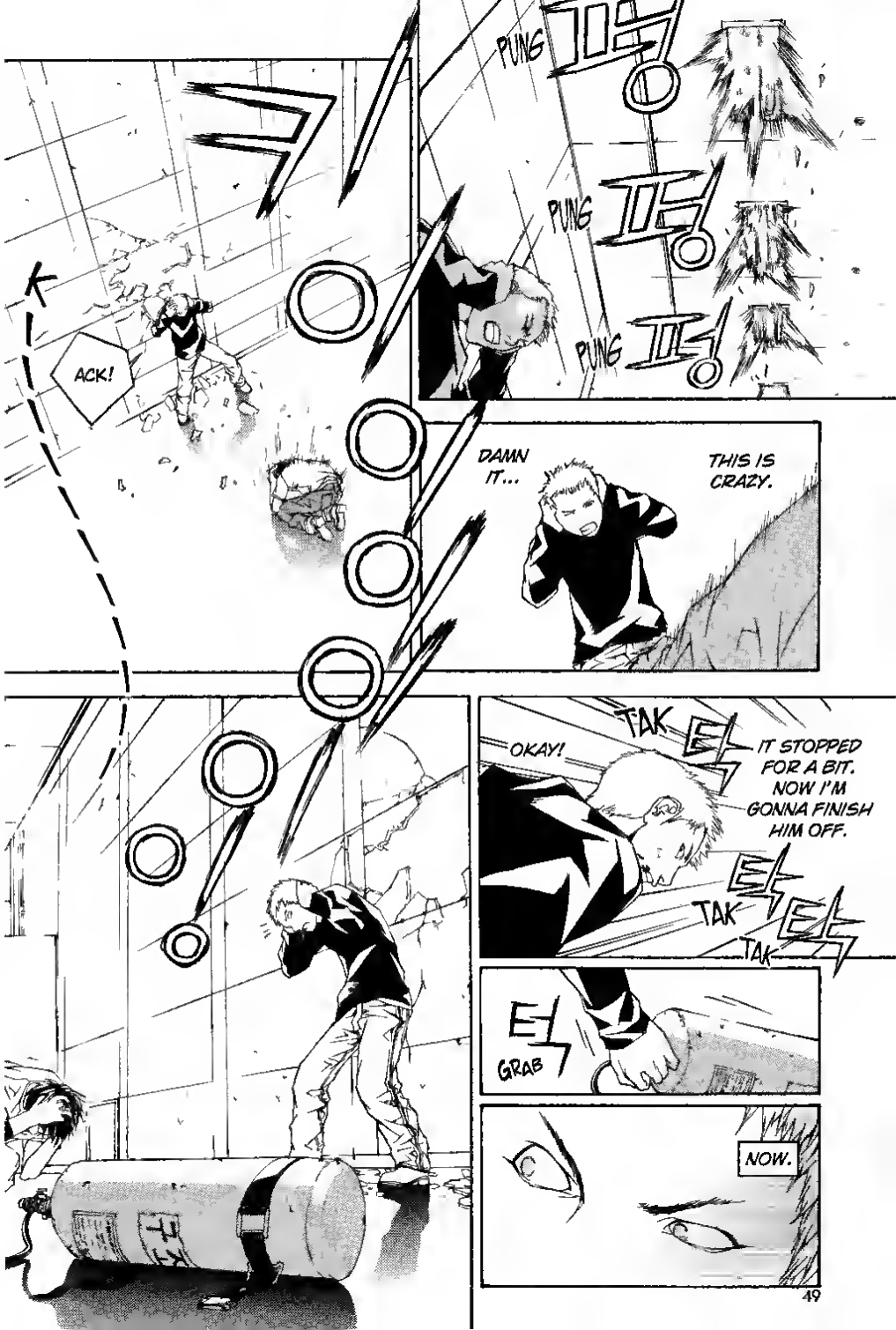
WHAT... IS THIS?
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE...

DOKUUN


GYAAA!
HUUK!
!!
OVERLOAD?!
LOOKS LIKE THE GUARDIAN PROGRAMMED IN HIS BRAIN...
OOOG!
...IS TRYING TO TAKE FULL CONTROL OVER HIM.

OOOO


IN...
IN CHANG?


PUNG
PUNG
PUNG
ACK!
DAMN IT...
THIS IS CRAZY.
OKAY!
TAK
IT STOPPED FOR A BIT. NOW I'M GONNA FINISH HIM OFF.
TAK
TAK
GRAB
NOW.

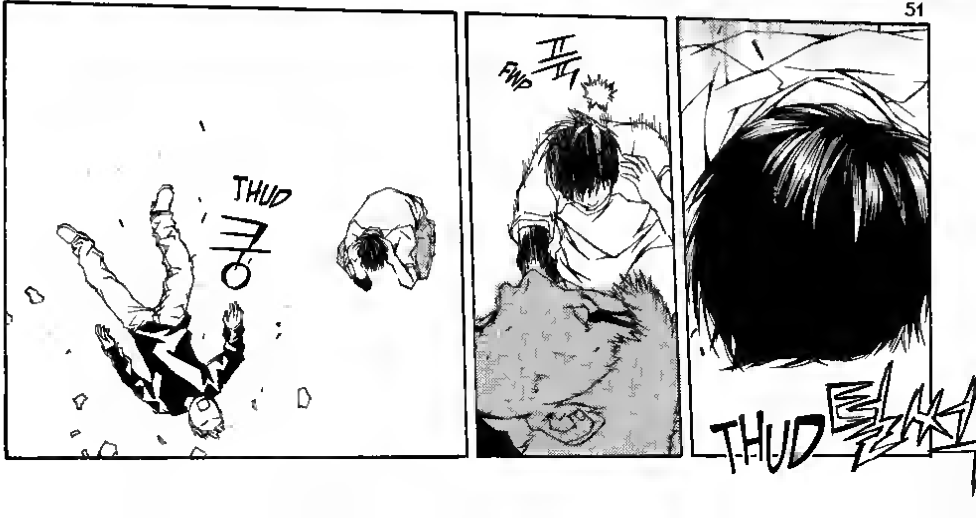
YOU ARE FINISHED!

THAK

?

NOW... WHAT?

WOOAA!
HUKK!
WOOOG...


THUD
FWIP
THUD

CHZZZT
A-TEAM. REPORT YOUR STATUS, OVER.
CHZZZT
JEE-EEENG

I REPEAT, COME IN A-TEAM.
JEE-EEENG
OK!
THIS IS THE A-TEAM. WE GOT A BODY DOWN.

SECURE THIS AREA.

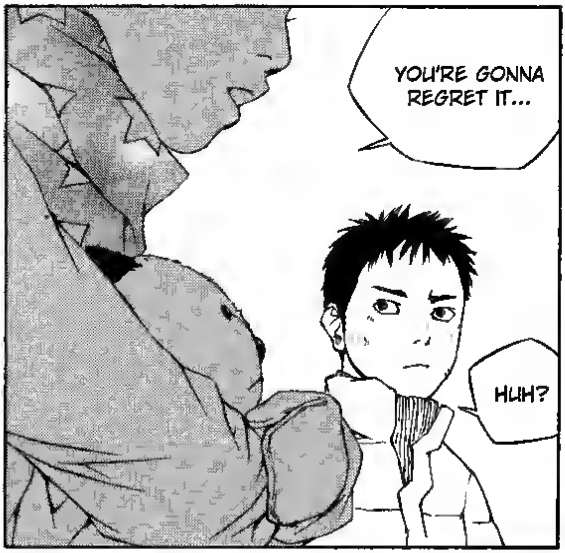
Log-16 END

XS
엑세스

2506 SOT (Phantom)

LOG_17:
Lost Memories(1)

REALLY?
MM, HMM!
MY FATHER USED TO SAY, BECAUSE MAN IS STRONGER, HE SHOULD PROTECT THE WOMAN, ALWAYS.
SO DON'T WORRY. FROM NOW ON...
...I WILL TAKE CARE OF--
NO...


YOU'RE GONNA REGRET IT...
HUH?

YOU...

YOU'RE GOING TO... DIE.

!
HUH?
ME, DIE?
DIE?
IT DOESN'T EVEN...
...EVEN MATTER!!

I CAN STILL PROTECT YOU!
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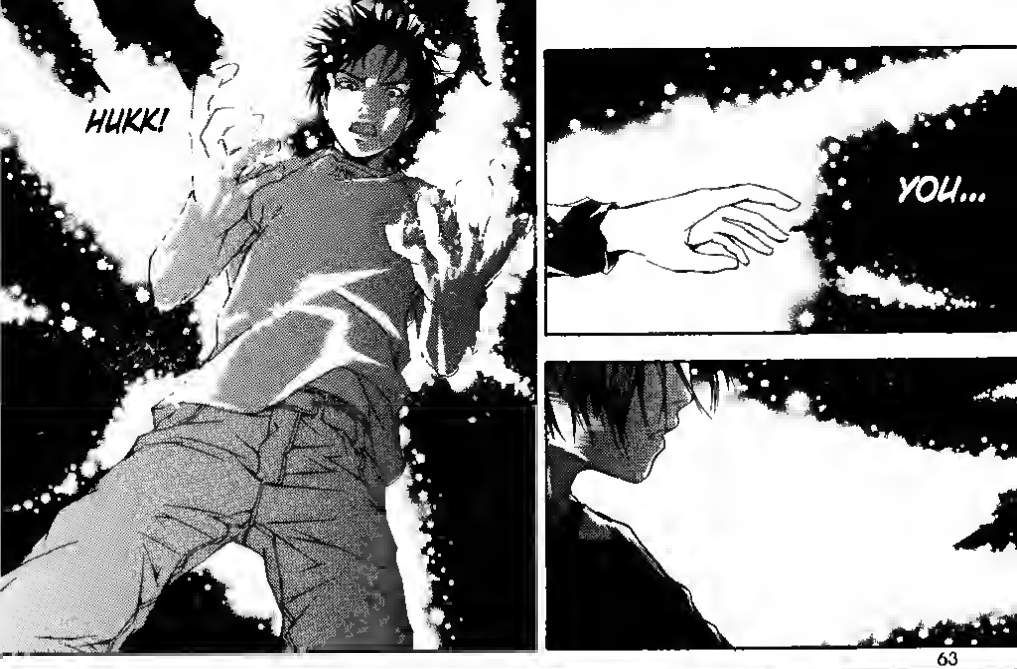
WHERE THE HELL AM I...?
CHI-JIGG
CHIGG
SO FROM NOW ON...
DON'T... WORRY...
KEEE-EEEEEEEE
IS... THIS...

FLASH
AHH!
DOCTOR! LOOK AT HIM!
HUH?
HE OPENED HIS EYES!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
WHAT THE HECK? HE WAS OUT COMPLETELY JUST A MINUTE AGO.
CHECK HIS VITAL SIGNS ASAP!!!
HEY MISTER! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
COME ON....
MISTER!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IF YOU CAN...!
...!
WHERE AM I?

YOU CANNOT BE THE GUARDIAN...!

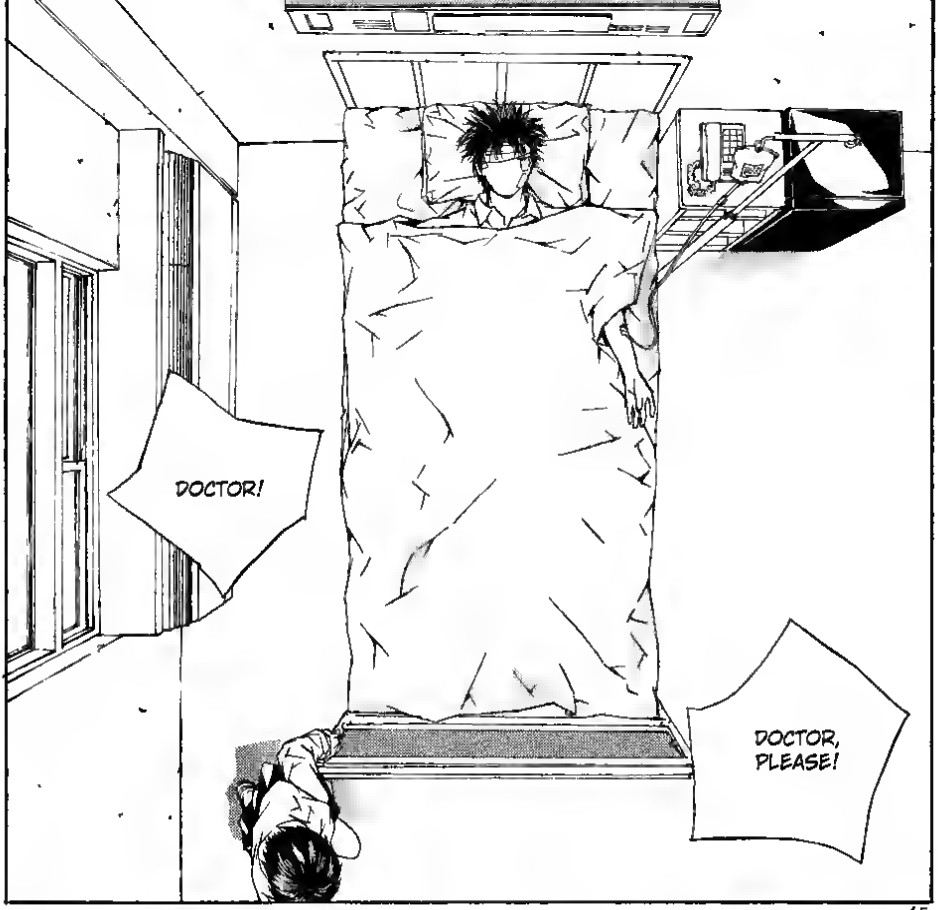
ONLY THING YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IS...

...NOTHING!
WHAT YOU TALKIN' 'BOUT, WILLIS? AND WHO THE HELL IS THIS WEIRDO?
IT'S OKAY...
IN A LITTLE BIT...

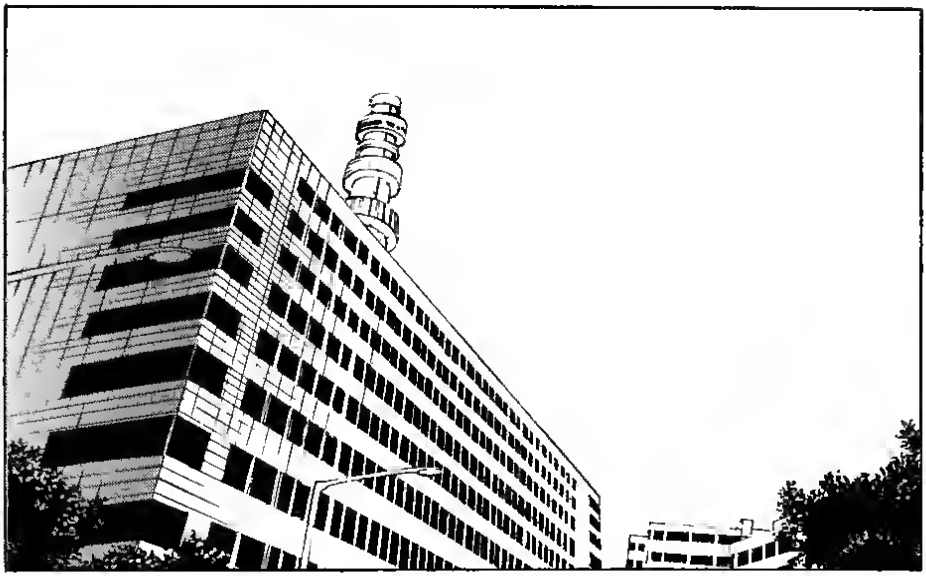

HUKK!
YOU...

...ARE GOING TO BECOME ME!

HUIN...
CHANG!
ARE YOU
AWAKE?!


DOCTOR!
DOCTOR, PLEASE!

HE JUST...
...JUST OPENED HIS EYES!
YES, YES, THAT'S NORMAL.
HUIN CHANG!
CAN YOU HEAR ME FINE?
HUIN CHANG!
...
...



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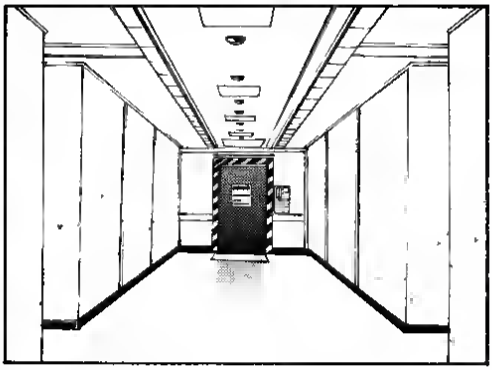
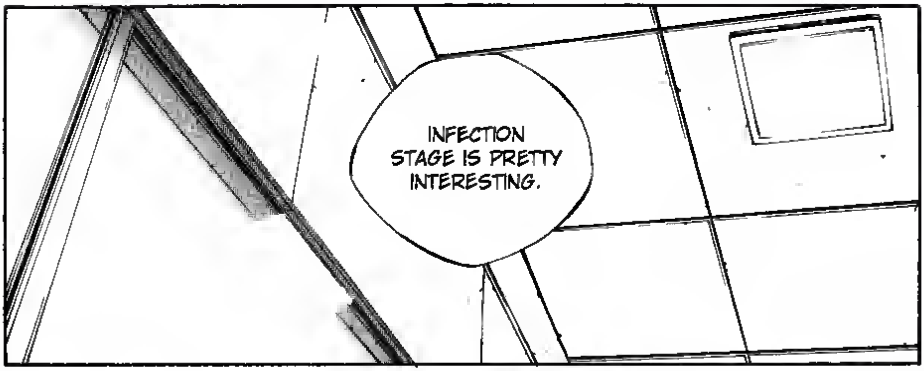
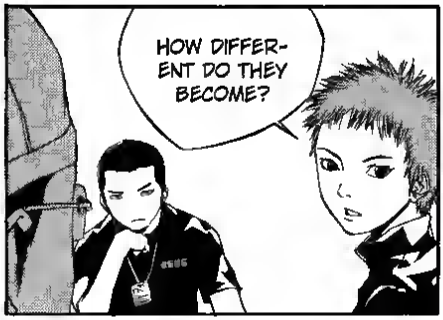


1급 보안구역
FIRST CLASS SECURED AREA
1급 보안 취급자외 출입을 금합니다
MAXIMUM SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIRED
-MUST SHOW SECURITY CARD BEFORE ENTERING
-출입증을 반드시 패용하여주십시오
-안구 스캐닝시 눈을 깜박이지 마십시오
-PLEASE DO NOT BLINK DURING CORNEA SCAN CHECK


INFECTION STAGE IS PRETTY INTERESTING.

LET'S SAY, YOUR PROVERBIAL HUMAN HOST GETS INFECTED BY A FLOATING ANGEL VIRUS.
AND THROUGH THAT CHANNEL ENTER THE FOUR NASTY PARASITES.
THEN SLOWLY BUT SURELY, PARASITES TAKE OVER THE HOST MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY, CREATING A SORT OF HYBRID HUMAN.


HOW DIFFERENT DO THEY BECOME?

OH... WELL...
THAT DEPENDS, BUT--

LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY.

IT'S ABOUT A "GRADE" IN CHANGE?

"GRADE"? SO WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?
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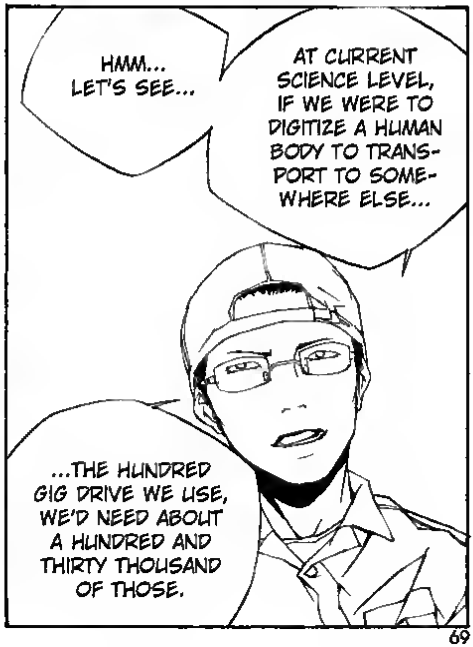
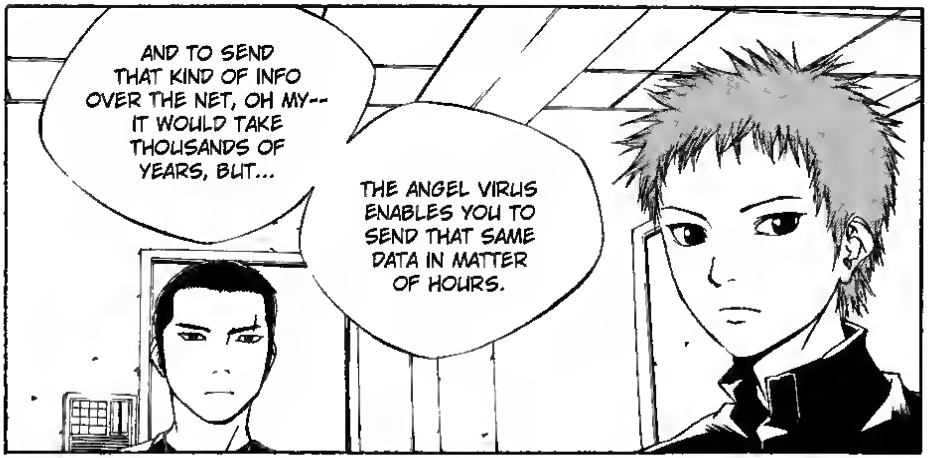
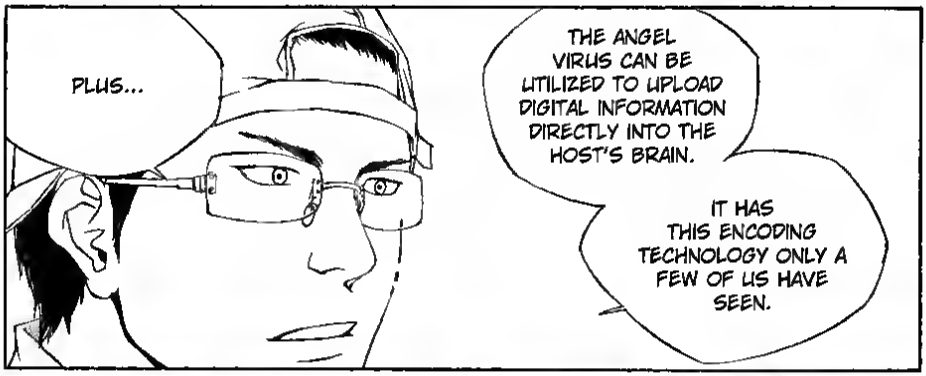
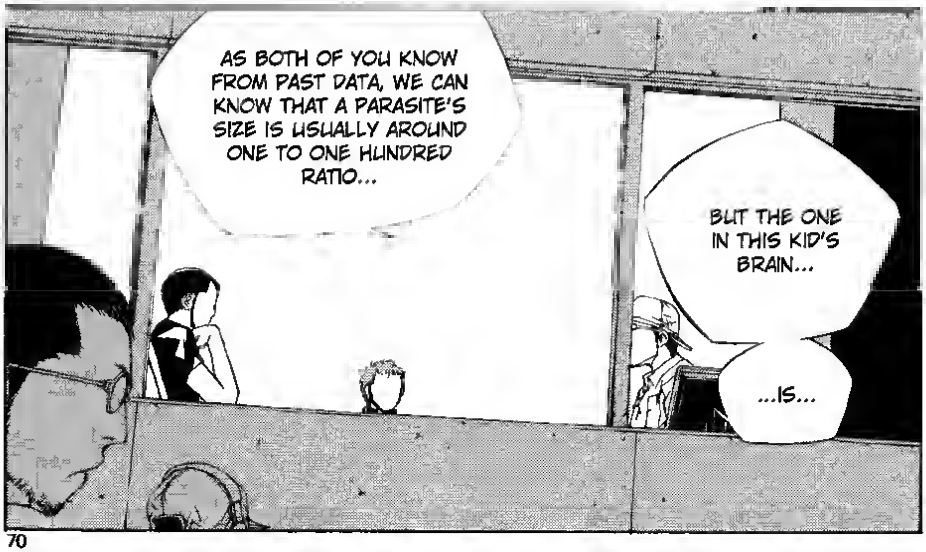

HMM... LET'S SEE...
AT CURRENT SCIENCE LEVEL, IF WE WERE TO DIGITIZE A HUMAN BODY TO TRANSPORT TO SOMEWHERE ELSE...
...THE HUNDRED GIG DRIVE WE USE, WE'D NEED ABOUT A HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND OF THOSE.


AND TO SEND THAT KIND OF INFO OVER THE NET, OH MY-- IT WOULD TAKE THOUSANDS OF YEARS, BUT...
THE ANGEL VIRUS ENABLES YOU TO SEND THAT SAME DATA IN MATTER OF HOURS.


PLUS...
THE ANGEL VIRUS CAN BE UTILIZED TO UPLOAD DIGITAL INFORMATION DIRECTLY INTO THE HOST'S BRAIN.
IT HAS THIS ENCODING TECHNOLOGY ONLY A FEW OF US HAVE SEEN.


AS BOTH OF YOU KNOW FROM PAST DATA, WE CAN KNOW THAT A PARASITE'S SIZE IS USUALLY AROUND ONE TO ONE HUNDRED RATIO...
BUT THE ONE IN THIS KID'S BRAIN...
...IS...

?
FIVE TIMES.
ON AVERAGE...
FIVE TIMES? YOU MEAN SIZE WISE?

IF A PARASITE USES THE ANGEL VIRUS TO PENETRATE THE HOST, IT WILL TAKE AROUND FIVE TO TEN HOURS...
BUT WITH THIS KID, IT TOOK MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. WE FOUND SOME OF HIS MEDICAL RECORDS AS WELL.
I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A BEGINNING PHASE FOR THE KID, BUT GLANCING AT IT A BIT...
THE HYBRID CHARACTER IS BEING UPLOADED WITH MORE THAN TEN HIGHLY CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS.
A LOT OF TIMES, ONE-- OR MAYBE TWO-- PROGRAMS IS TOPS.
SO, HAHA-- THIS IS FUN JUST WATCHING, DON'T YOU THINK SO?
...HOO-WOO...
JUST TO ANALYZE ONE PROGRAM FULLY, IT COULD TAKE UP TO A WEEK, MAYBE.
AND...
....

I GOT A MIGRAINE.
GETTING TO THE POINT, WE DON'T HAVE THE RESULTS YET, RIGHT?
YOU TWO CAN SHARE THAT HIGH TECH TALK BULLSHIT.
LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT--
NO PATIENCE, GRASS-HOPPA... ♡
SO FAR WE FOUND INFORMATION ON KALI.
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU JUST SAID, IT TAKES AT LEAST A WEEK?!

WHOA! EASY, KILLERS. HAHA.
JUST TELL US THE DEAL.
HOW PARASITES AFFECT A HOST'S CHARACTERISTICS IS EASILY ATTAINABLE AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TECHNICAL ISSUES HERE, BUT...
WE BASICALLY HAD TO BREAK DOWN ITS BLUE PRINT, YOU KNOW, THE CODE.
DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH THE KIM KI HOON INCIDENT?
BINGO!♪
REMEMBER WE EXTRACTED THAT BACKUP DATA FROM KI HOON'S BRAIN AND IT CONTAINED THE INFAMOUS KALI FILE.
NOW, WE HAVE DETECTED A CARBON COPY OF HYBRID CODE COMING OUT OF THIS KID. SO IT'S PROGRAMMED FOR PROCREATION FOR ITS OWN SURVIVAL.
KIM KI HOON?
THE ONE WHO DIED AT THE HOSPITAL?
WHAT ABOUT HIM?

DOES THAT MEAN...
...THE KID IS...
OH, NO!
AFTER BRAIN SCANNING, WE FOUND IT TO BE ABSOLUTELY NORMAL.
SHAKE 드리
SHAKE 드리
SO WE ARE GOING TO LET HIM GO, AND MAN...
?
WHAT'S UP?
HIS IQ WAS VERY LOW, TOO!
WAY BELOW AVERAGE.
THUNK
토
HE FITS THE DESCRIPTION
....

SUH-MIN HOSPITAL
HUIN CHANG.
IT IS TIME FOR YOUR SHOTS.
HUIN CHANG
HUH?!
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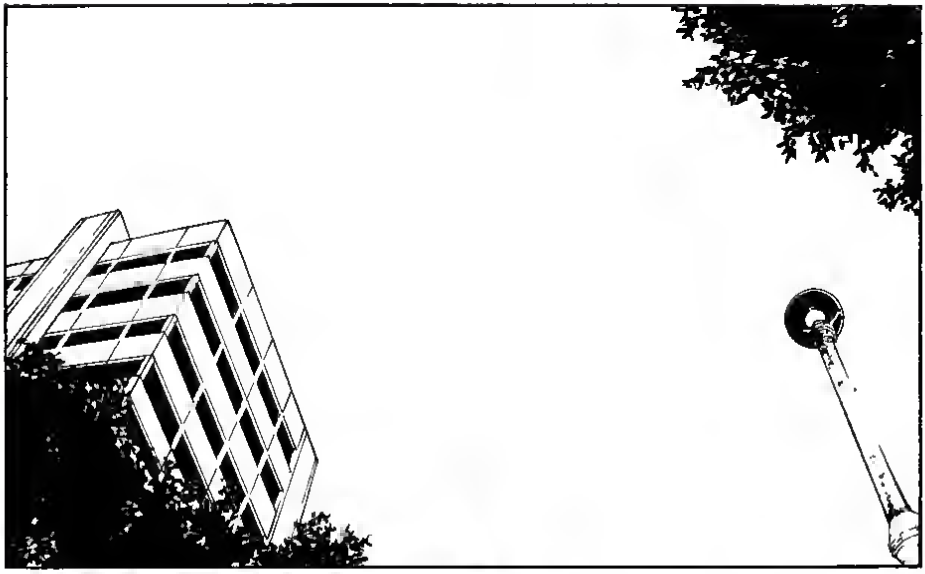
BRAAAAA AAAAAAAAAAA
KAAAAAAAA



ㄱ~
KOO
ㄱ~
KOO

바아아아
BWAAAAA

BWAAAAAA
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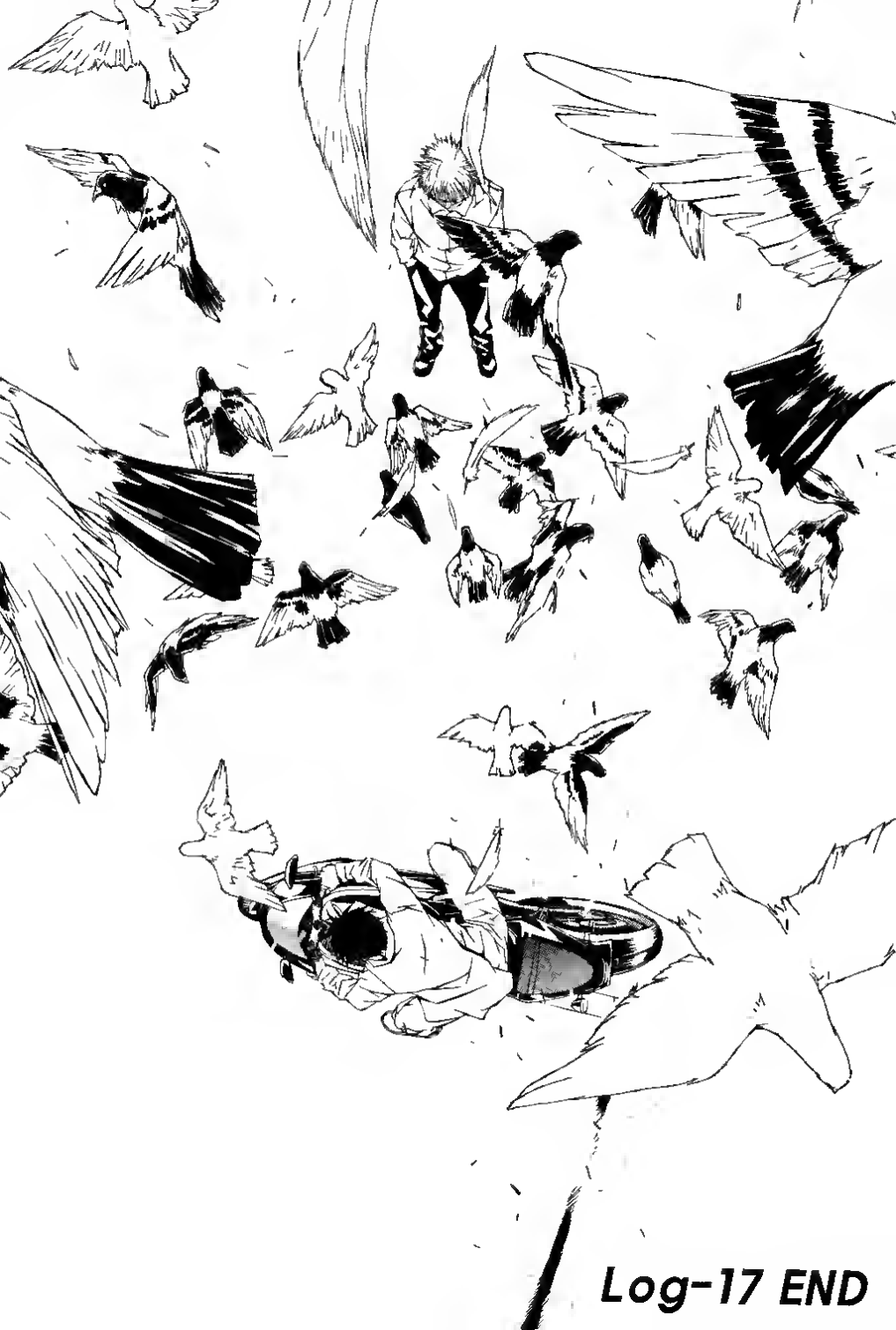
SHK
KEEEEEEKKK
SQUAWK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racing
aprilia

J….

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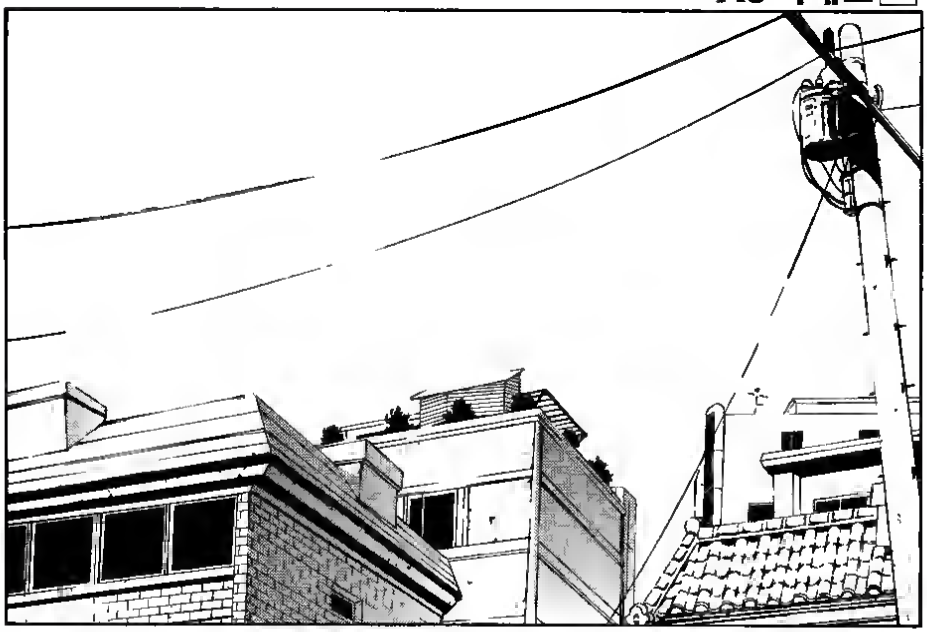
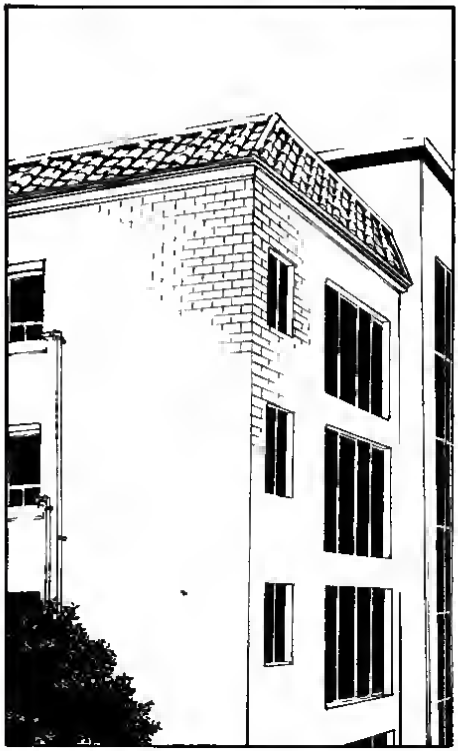
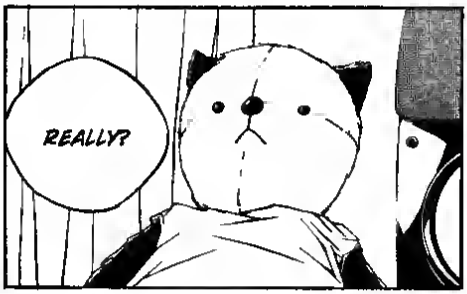


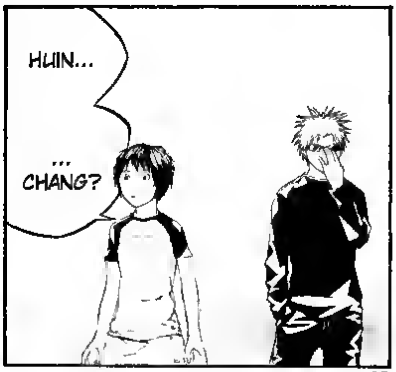


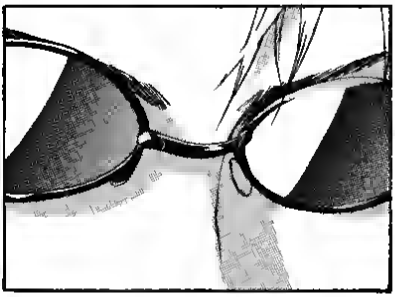

REALLY?

YUP.

WHEN I WAS AT THE HOSPITAL,
IT FELT LIKE SOMEONE WAS CALLING ME.
SO I GUESS I JUST... WENT.

YOU WERE WAITING THERE, I CAN SEE.


HUIN...
...
CHANG?



SHE'S BEEN AWAKENED.
JUST AS I PREDICTED

AWAKENED? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
MYSELF AND J ARE YOUR PERSONAL GUARDIANS PROGRAMMED TO PROTECT YOU.
GUARD-IANS?
YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED ANYTHING BEFORE...
BUT INSIDE, YOU ARE FEARING SOMETHING, AND SENSING THIS....
THIS IS WHY THE GUARDIANS ARE HERE.
YOU MUST'VE LOST YOUR DAMN MIND.

MISTER, BACK TO EARTH. YOU MUST BE TRIPPIN' ON GOOD STUFF! GUARDIAN? J?
AND WHY ARE YOU CALLING CHANG "J"?
WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS HERE? SHOWING UP LIKE THIS...
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YOU STILL DON'T REMEMBER.
THE PERSON WHO CREATED MYSELF AND J AS HYBRIDS...
...THE PERSON WHO IS PROGRAMMING CHANG'S MEMORY WITH J'S DATA...
...AND THE PERSON WHO HOLDS THE WORLD'S FUTURE IN HAND...

IS
YOU.

MINA!
....
HEY--
HEY! BACH MINA!
GRRRK
SHOCK
WHAT IS THIS? HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU?
NAH, I'M OKAY.
BY THE WAY...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU BEFORE? WHY ARE WE MEETING HERE...?

OH, RIGHT...
WELL, BASICALLY I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IDIOT WAS TALKING ABOUT AND... IF HE STARTED SOME SHIT, I'D HAVE BEEN ALL OVER HIM.
WITH MY NUCLEAR WEAPON, AKA, MY FIST.
RIGHT, RIGHT, YOU'RE SUCH A BULL-SHITTER.
ANYHOW... DO YOU...
HUH?
THE FIRST DAY WE MET...
...DO YOU REMEMBER?
FIRST DAY?

MM...
AH-HA! IT WAS JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER WE MOVED. AND IT SNOWED THAT DAY.
WHY THIS SUDDENLY?
THAT DAY AFTER I WOKE UP FROM THE COMA, I COULDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING OF MY PAST.
DO YOU THINK...
...MAYBE WE COULD'VE MET BEFORE?
BEFORE THAT DAY?
YES.
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING?
I DON'T KNOW...

IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY RECALL ANYTHING EITHER. EVEN THINGS WHILE I WAS IN THE STATES, I CAN'T RECALL...
DID YOU GET YOUR FULL MEMORY BACK OR SOMETHING?
HMM?
.....
NAH... I DON'T KNOW...
I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE.

?
Mina
YOU WANNA GO TO THE PC GAME ROOM TO KILL SOME TIME?
PC GAME? NO!
WHAT? WHY NOT?
I CAN NEVER FIND A GAME I LIKE.
LET'S JUST GO SEE A MOVIE.
NO WAY!
WHAT? WHY NOT?
GOTTA TELL YOU AGAIN? AFTER THIRTY MINUTES IN THE DARK, I AUTO-MATICALLY FALL ASLEEP.
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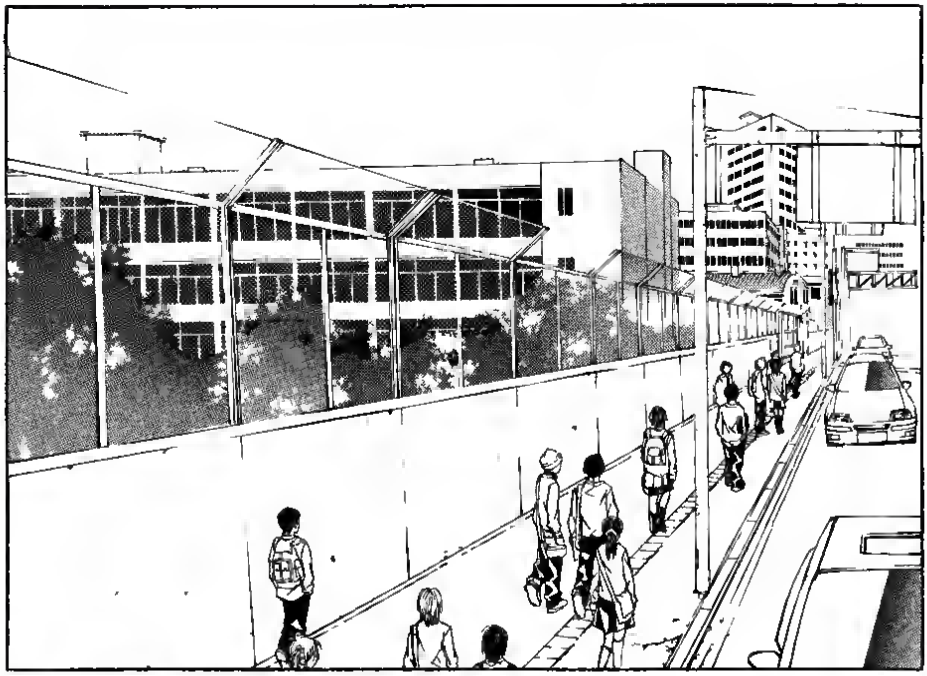
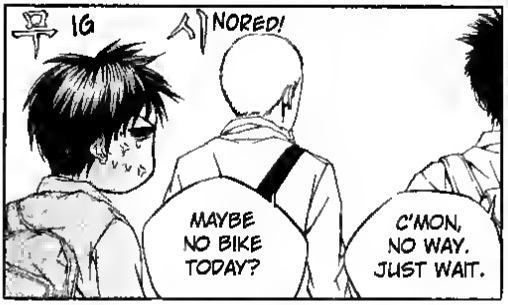


YO! HUIN CHANG!

HOOWOONG
BOOWOONG
MAN... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
HEY, GOOD TO SEE YOU.
KEEEK
SO BONES ARE HEALED?
MMM... GOOD ENOUGH TO PUT ME BACK IN THIS RAT HOLE AGAIN.
QUICK-ASS RECOVERY, THOUGH.
ANYHOW, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO NOW THAT YOUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD HAS BEEN RUINED?
HERE!
YOU MIGHT WANNA CONSIDER FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF OTHER GREATS OF THIS SCHOOL AND STAY ANOTHER YEAR IN THE SAME GRADE.
WHAT THE FUCK? YOU CALL YOURSELVES FRIENDS WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN VISIT ME AT THE HOSPITAL!
I KNOW...
IT'S PAST TIME.

WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
.....
HEY, WHO ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

YOU MOTHER-FUCKERS PISSED ME OFF NOW!!
KOO
KOO
KOO
KOO
COME OVER HERE, BOTH OF YOU! I'M GONNA BREAK BOTH OF YOUR SPINES!


IGNORED!
MAYBE NO BIKE TODAY?
C'MON, NO WAY. JUST WAIT.

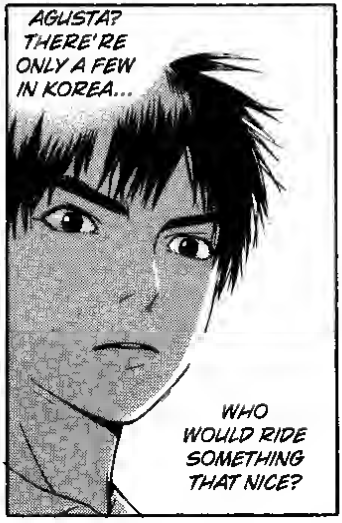
IGNORED!
UTT! HERE WE GO!
TOLD YA SO.
BOOAAAANG
TOKYO
.....

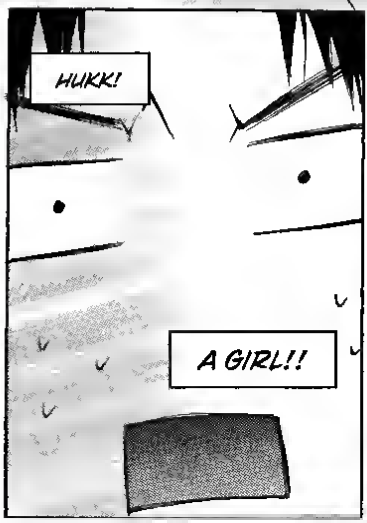
WHAT ARE THESE TWO UP TO...
WHO THE HELL IS THIS...

HOOWOOONG
KEEEEEEEEEKK
WOOONG
WOOWOONG

AGUSTA

AGUSTA


AGUSTA? THERE'RE ONLY A FEW IN KOREA...
WHO WOULD RIDE SOMETHING THAT NICE?


HUKK!
A GIRL!!

GOOD MORNING! RUNNING LITTLE LATE, HUH?
HEY, I KNOW. I OVERSLEPT.
AHH. OKAY. ♡

?
ARE YOU HUIN CHANG?
LING?
MM. YES...
I HEARD YOU WERE IN THE HOSPITAL, BUT I GUESS YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT.
MM... YES...
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WELL, IT'S SO NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU. ♡
찰칵
CHAAK
HUKK'S
LET'S GO HANG OUT LATER. ♡

WOW... THIS GIRL...
YE...AH, SURE...
IS UNBELIEVABLY...
...SEXY!
JEEEEK
ENG?
UH... UUUUHH!
UH--UHH!

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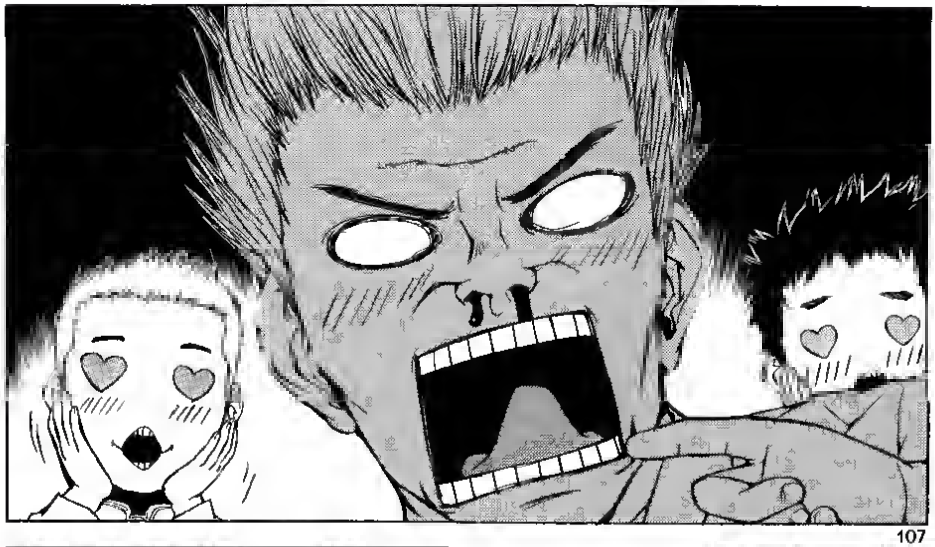

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AAH! HUIN! YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING!
HUH?
ARE YOU SICK?

?
OH, THIS IS NOTHING! TOTALLY NORMAL!
ARE YOU SURE?
OH YEAH!
OH MY GOD!
IT'S ALREADY TIME.
WE BETTER HURRY BEFORE GETTING TARDIES.
YEAH!♡
HEY! CAN I CARRY YOUR BAG FOR YOU?
IT'S FINE, REALLY.
LET ME CARRY IT FOR YOU HERE.

MAN, WHAT A WAY TO START A MORNING--
DID YOU GET IT? ARE YOU SURE?
?
ABSO-LUTELY, TODAY IT'S PINK PASTEL.♡
HOOAA!
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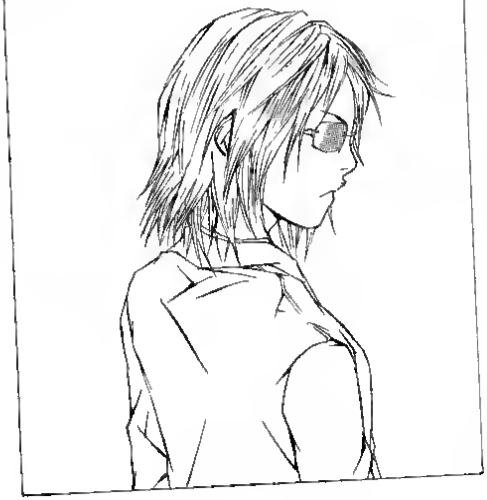
HUIN CHANG! GOOD TO SEE YOU DUDE.
LET'S ROLL TO THE NEXT STOP.
UMM... HEY...
WH... WHAT...?
HUIN CHANG! YOU'RE STILL BLEEDING LIKE A BITCH, MAN!
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE WE DOING NEXT WEEK-END?
.....
FOURTH FLOOR IS THE GYM SO I'M GONNA CHANGE FROM THIRD FLOOR.
OKAY!
YO, HUIN CHANG! YOU'RE ALREADY OUT, WALKING?
HURRY, HURRY!
슥 SGG
주르륵 JRRMM
슥 SHGG
DUKUNG
덜컹
타닥 TAK
TA-TAK 타닥
허억 ACK!

NAME: HUIN CHANG (EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD)
JOB: STUDENT (SUE-SUNG HIGH SCHOOL)

NAME: BACH MINA (EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD)
JOB: STUDENT (SUE-SUNG HIGH SCHOOL)



NAME: ?
JOB: SET

NAME: BACH KI JOON (MINA'S FATHER)
JOB: SELF-EMPLOYED

NAME: SLASH
JOB(?): GUARDIAN

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NAME: CHUNG WOOJIN, RYU NOAH
JOB: 2506SOT(PHANTOM)

NAME: SHIN JIHA (EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD)
HEIGHT 170, WEIGHT 50, 35-24-33

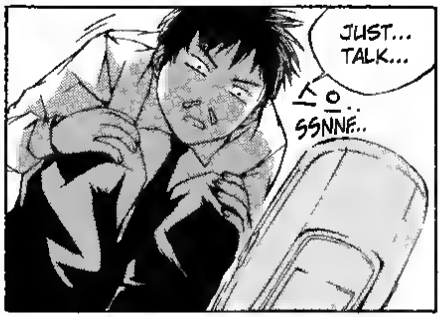
NAME: SONG JI HYUNG (XS CREATOR)
STATUS OF MANUSCRIPT: CHAOTIC
OVERALL STATUS: PANDEMONIUM
HOPEFUL STATUS: OPPOSITE OF TODAY

BYUN...
TAE...
HMM?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
WHY THE WEIRD LOOK?
YOU LITTLE HORNY BASTARD!
SMACK
WOOAA!

HMM!
SWISH
OOOOG!

JEEZ, IS THROWING A CELL PHONE REALLY NECESSARY?

YOU COULD JUST TALK TO ME... JUST TALK...


JUST... TALK...
SSNNF..

THOONG
오늘의 희생자 -
허인창!!!
KUDOS TO TODAY'S WEBPHONE VICTIM! HUIN CHANG!!

POOT

THESE GIRLS....
MY CELLY.
STILL MAKING PAYMENTS ON IT...
GRAB
HEY, HWIN CHANG, YOU WERE STARTLED. GIRLS GET SO EMOTIONAL SOMETIMES.
HUH?
IS THAT YOUR CELL PHONE?
YUP.
AND YOU TOOK MY PICTURES?
OF COURSE I TOOK THEM.
....
DID YOU LIKE THE ANGLES--
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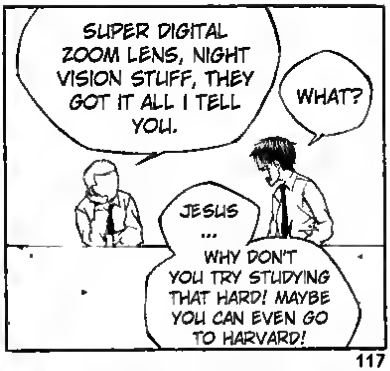
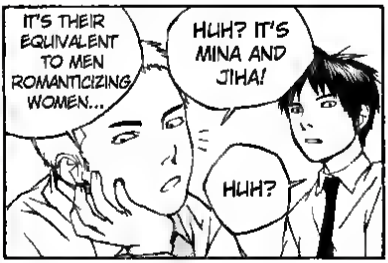
PAA-PAAKK
WOOAAA!

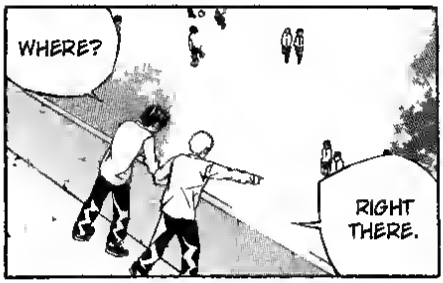
SMACK
GYAAA!
WHAT'S WRONG! WHAT--
YO, YO, YO!!
STOP!! STOP!!
SMACK
CRACK
WHSSH
EEEK
ARE YOU TWO WITH HIM?
WOBBLE
MM?
TOGETHER?
COME HERE, COME HERE, LET'S TALK THIS OUT
N... NO...
WE'RE LEAVIN ...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
115
YAAAA!
WHACK
CRACK
AAAAAAH!
LET'S GET THE FUCK OUTTA HERE!
C'MON OVER HERE, YOU WEASELS!!
WE'RE CALLING COPS ON YOU...
...!

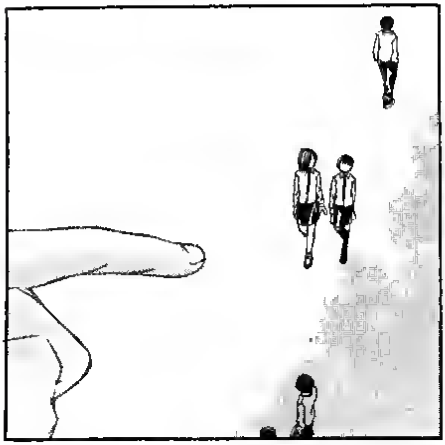
LAST WEDNESDAY, SHE TRANSFERRED HERE FROM JAPLAND.
WHEN YOU LOOKED AT HER THAT MORNING, THAT WAS JUST ONE OF THE SIZZLING LOOKS SHE CAN PULL OFF.
NAME IS SHIN JIHA. HEIGHT ONE SEVENTY, WEIGHT FIFTY, 35-24-33.
IN JUST TWO DAYS, THE WHOLE CITY HEARD ABOUT HER AND IN FIVE DAYS, THEY KNEW ABOUT HER.
CURRENTLY, FIVE FAN CLUBS FOR HER HAVE BEEN SET UP.
MEMBERSHIP IS TWO THOUSAND PLUS STRONG AND RUMOR IS SOME OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS VISIT THE SITE.
ONE TEACHER IS EVEN BEING ACCUSED OF USING HIS SON'S ID TO GET THE MEMBERSHIP TO HER SITE.
SOME ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES HAVE BEEN CONTACTING HER TOO.
AIN'T THAT SOME-THING?
FOR JUST BEING A HOT YOUNG GIRL?
MURMUR
사끌
MURMUR
사끌
WHAT'S WITH THESE DUDES?
AH... THEM ...

HER FAN CLUB MEMBERS ARE PROACTIVE, YOU KNOW. IT'S RIGHT AFTER PHYSICAL ED., SO THAT MEANS THEY MUST'VE GOT SOME GOOD PIX.
MAYBE SOME SHOWER SCENES, ANYTHING CLOSE TO HER BIRTHDAY SUIT IS VALUED.
ISN'T THAT ILLEGAL...
CAN THEY SHOOT ALL THAT?
SURE, THEY TRY.

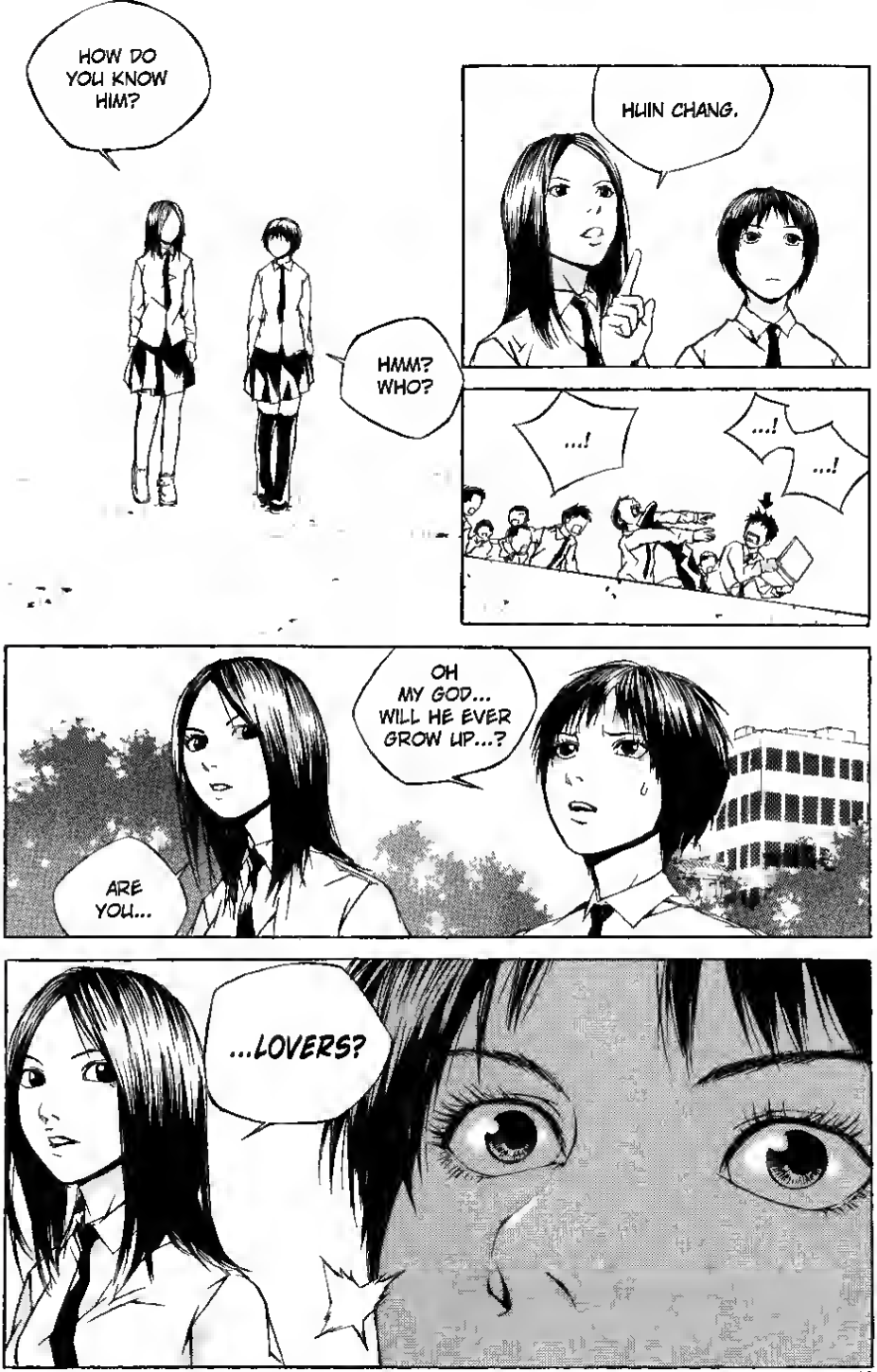

SUPER DIGITAL ZOOM LENS, NIGHT VISION STUFF, THEY GOT IT ALL I TELL YOU.
WHAT?
JESUS ...
WHY DON'T YOU TRY STUDYING THAT HARD! MAYBE YOU CAN EVEN GO TO HARVARD!


IT'S THEIR EQUIVALENT TO MEN ROMANTICIZING WOMEN...
HUH? IT'S MINA AND JIHA!
HUH?

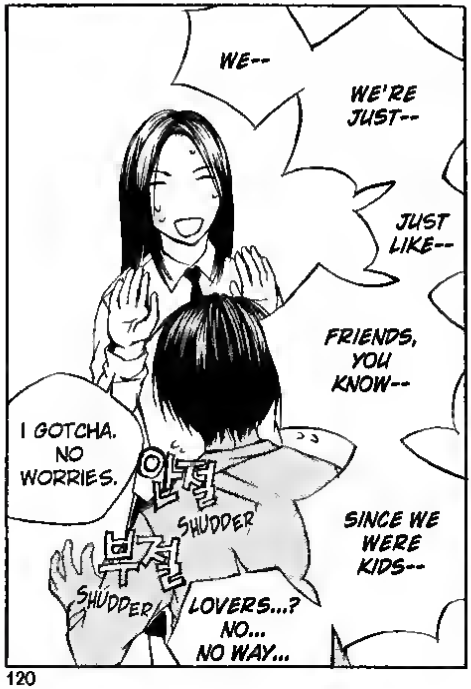

WHERE?
RIGHT THERE.



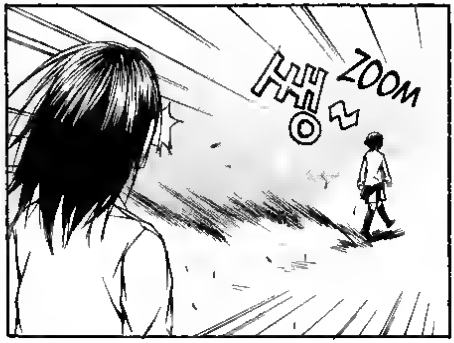
WHAT'S THIS?
DO THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?
UHH, YOU DIDN'T HEAR?
HERE IT COMES!
MURMUR
시끌
REALLY? REALLY?
MURMUR
시끌
HMM? HEAR WHAT?
WHEN SHE TRANSFERRED, MINA WAS IN CHARGE TO SHOW HER AROUND, YOU KNOW.
WHOA! IT'S PINK!
시끌 MURMUR
WHERE? WHERE?
시끌 MURMUR
GET A ROOM!
SINCE THEN, THEY'RE LIKE BEST FRIENDS.
AHH~♡
JIHA HAS ATTACHED HERSELF TO MINA.
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM MIN...
WHAT?
LET ME RELOAD THIS! MOVE!
YO, HU! GET IN LINE!
JUST AS I THOUGHT...
HEY IN CHANG, MOVE YOUR HEAD!
MURMUR 시끌
시끌 MURMUR
HANG ON!


HOW DO YOU KNOW HIM?
HMM? WHO?
HUIN CHANG.
...!
...!
...!
OH MY GOD... WILL HE EVER GROW UP...?
ARE YOU...
...LOVERS?

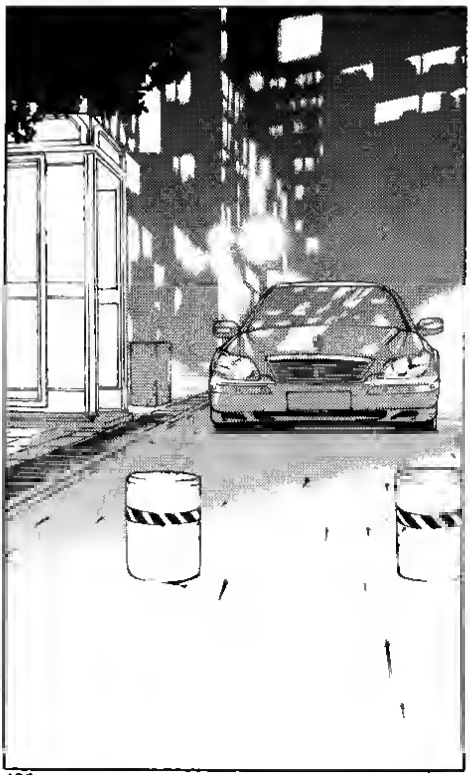
HWEEEK
AA...
AA...
NO...
NOT AT
ALL!!
WHAT A JOKER.
NO, NOTHING
LIKE THAT.
HAHAHAHA!!

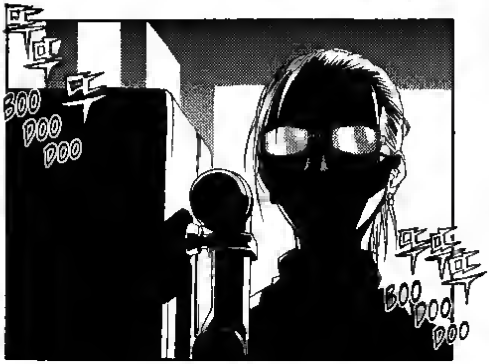

WE--
WE'RE
JUST--
JUST
LIKE--
FRIENDS,
YOU
KNOW--
SINCE WE
WERE
KIDS--
I GOTCHA.
NO
WORRIES.
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
LOVERS...?
NO...
NO WAY...

WSHH
IT'S TIME
FOR CLASS.
LET'S GO.


ZOOM

MINA!
WAIT UP!
...!
...!
...!




BOO
DOO
DOO
BOO
DOO
DOO

BOO DOO..
CHAK
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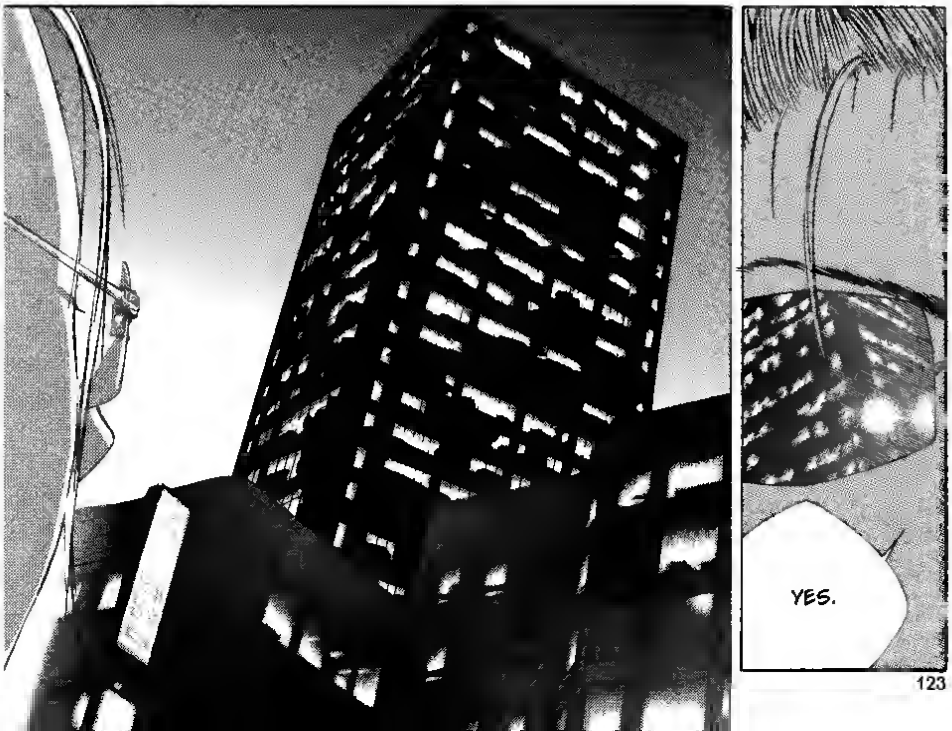
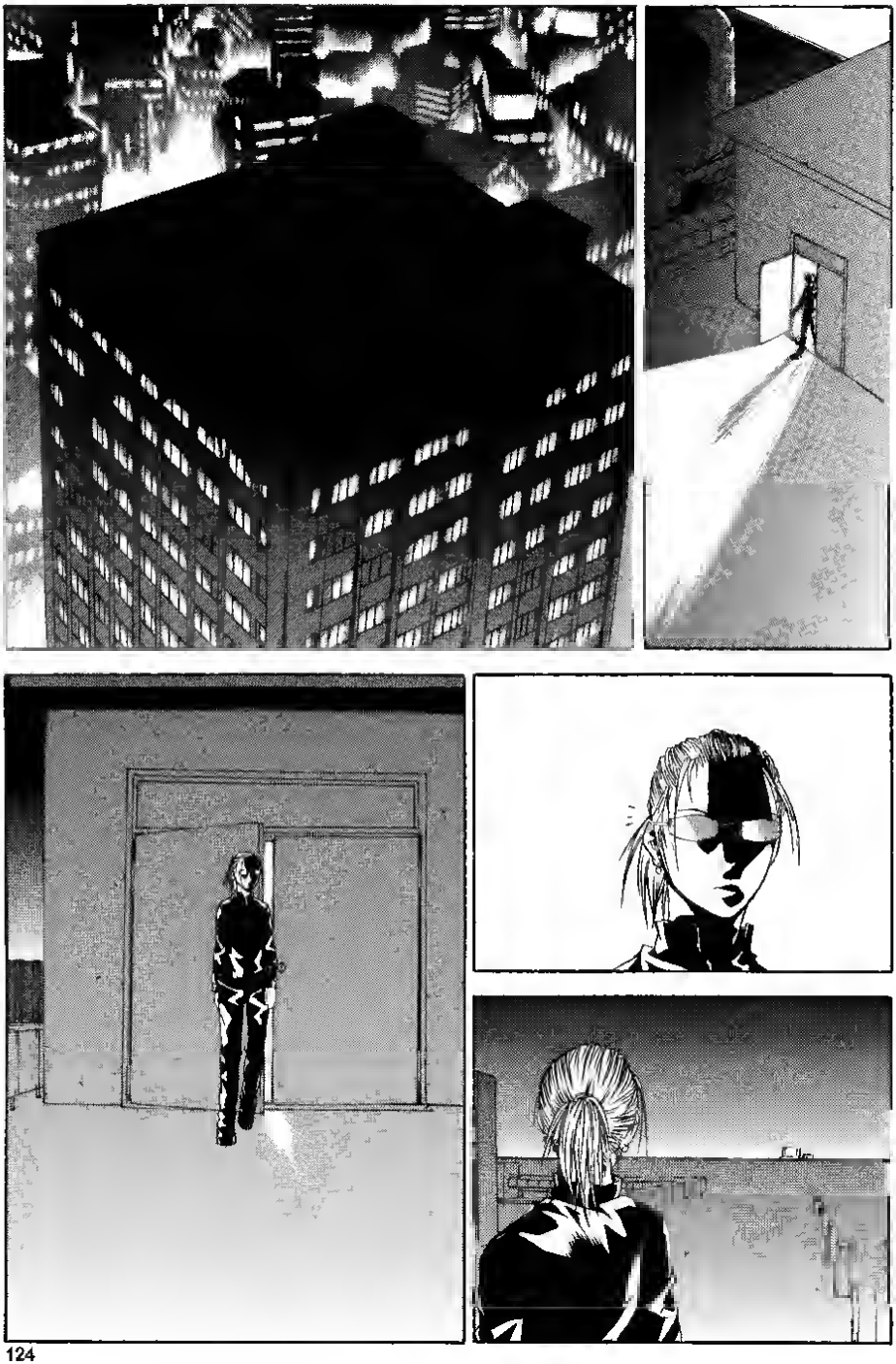
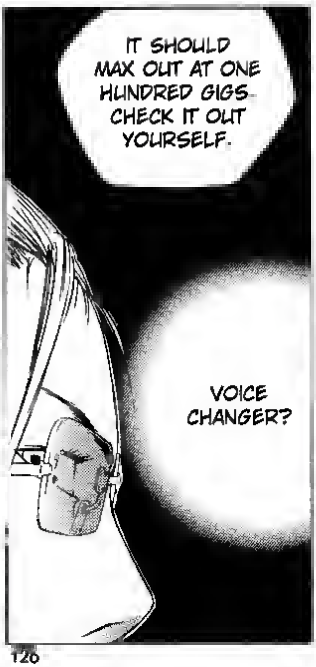
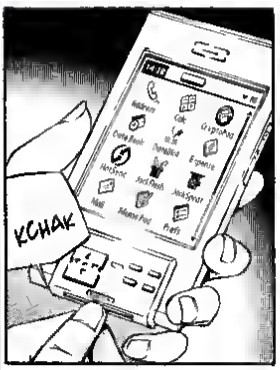

YES.



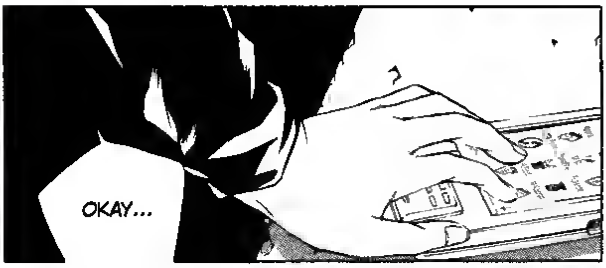
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR CUNNING WAYS, UNLIKE OTHER HUNTERS...
OR...
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST A WUSSY.
I'D LIKE TO CHECK THE MERCHANDISE FIRST, PLEASE...

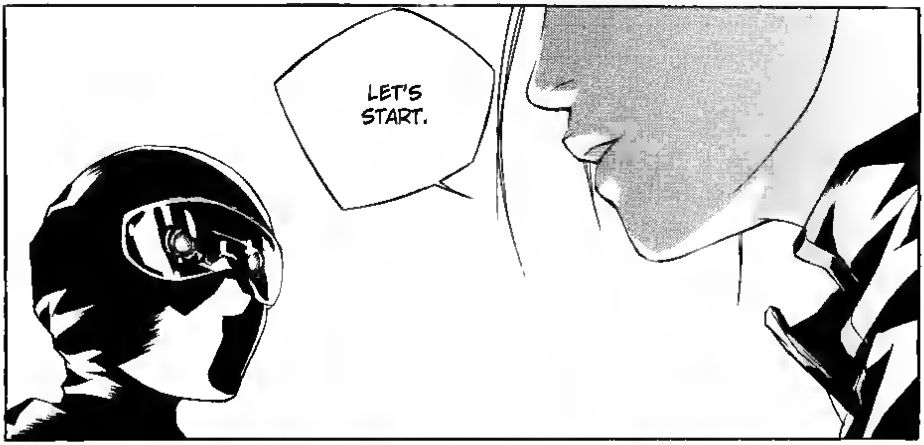
SAMPLE IS NEXT TO YOU.


IT SHOULD MAX OUT AT ONE HUNDRED GIGS. CHECK IT OUT YOURSELF.
VOICE CHANGER?


KCHAK

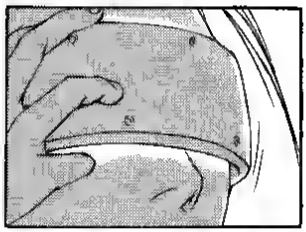
B-BEE--
BEEP
B-BEE--


OKAY...

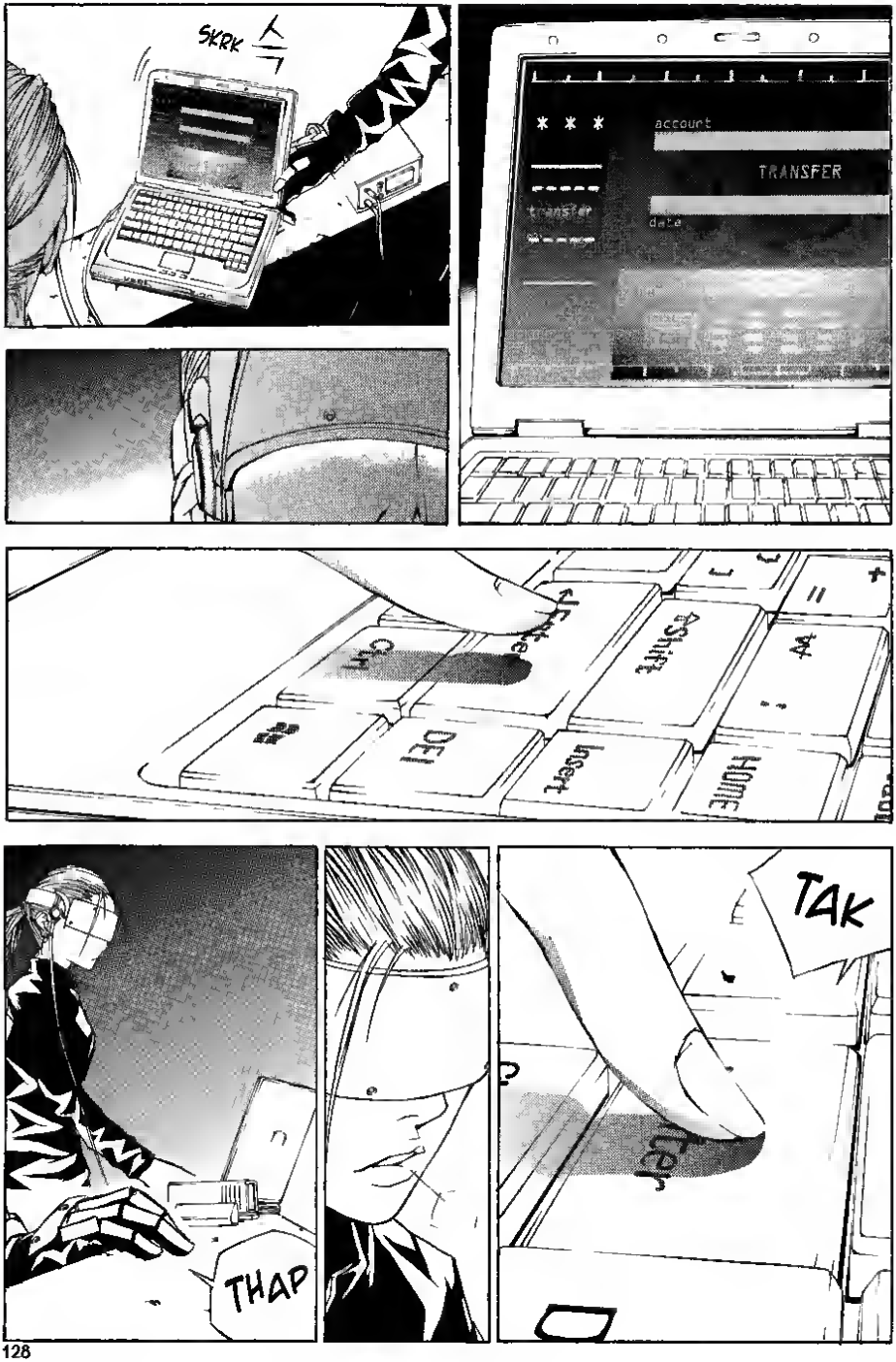

LET'S START.

JEEEEEK

KCHAK



B-BEE--
system check
VOOOOO
B-BEE--
B-BEEP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UKK!
GUUH!
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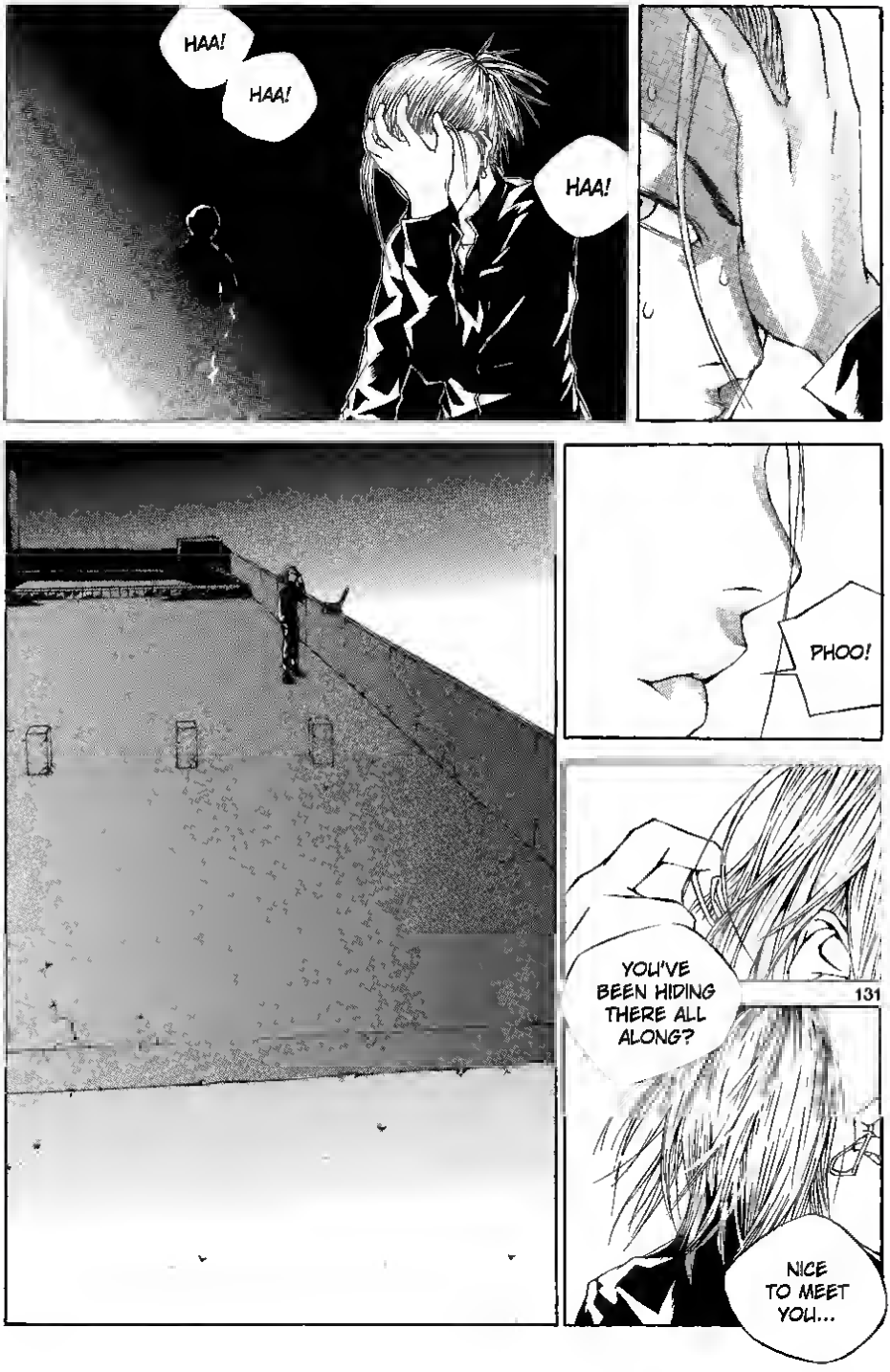
GUHUKK!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HFF!


HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
PHOO!
YOU'VE BEEN HIDING THERE ALL ALONG?
131
NICE TO MEET YOU...

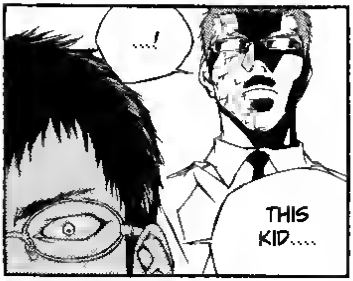
Log-19 END

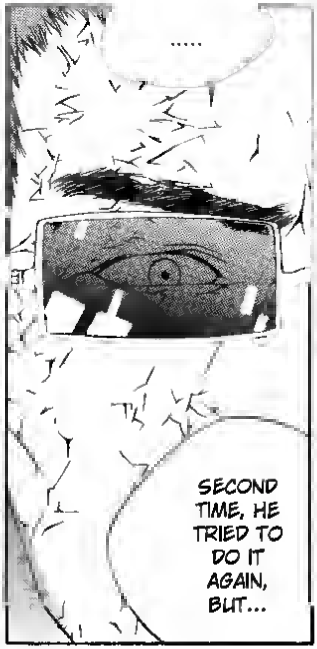
LOG_20:
Kidnapping(1)

THIS CHARACTER WAS INVOLVED IN THAT INCIDENT NEAR THE CORNER ALLEY, YES?
THAT'S RIGHT.

HE TRIED TO CONTACT KALI TWICE.
TWICE?

FIRST ATTEMPT WAS AT THE SHOPPING MALL, BUT THIS KID THWARTED THAT.


...!
THIS KID.....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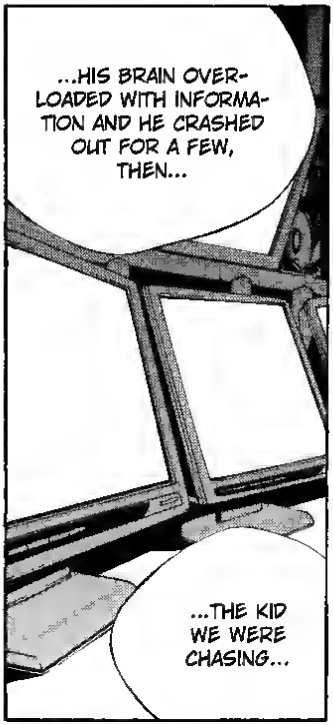
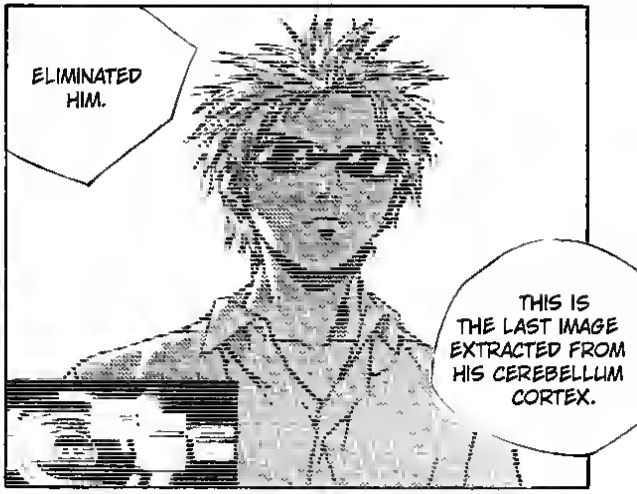
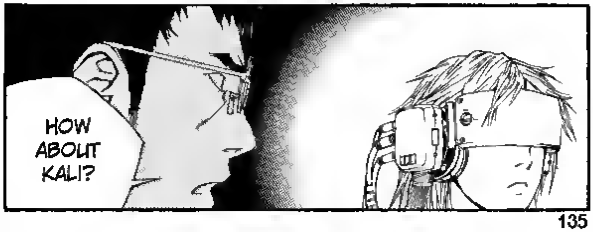
SECOND TIME, HE TRIED TO DO IT AGAIN, BUT...


...HIS BRAIN OVER-LOADED WITH INFORMA-TION AND HE CRASHED OUT FOR A FEW, THEN...
...THE KID WE WERE CHASING...


ELIMINATED HIM.
THIS IS THE LAST IMAGE EXTRACTED FROM HIS CEREBELLUM CORTEX.


HOW ABOUT KALI?

!!
WHAT?!
SHE'S JUST A KID?

TOO MUCH NOISE ON THE IMAGE. I HAD TO TRIPLE FILTER THE COLOR TO BRING IT WAY IT IS.
AND ACCORDING TO DATA, THIS IS DEFINITELY HER.
GOOD QUESTION ...
THE SHEER SIZE OF THE DATA FORBIDS MOST WANNABE HACKS, BUT DEFINITELY NOT AN IMPOSSIBILITY.
DATA ITSELF IS NOT PERFECT EITHER.
POSSIBILITY OF DATA BEING HACKED?
HIS REPUTATION PRECEDES HIM, YOU KNOW...
EITHER WAY, THIS KID'S GONNA EAT INTO ALL OF OUR VACATION TIME... THANKS, JACKASS.
SOUNDS LIKE FIFTY-FIFTY.

WAIT, MAYBE WE'RE GIVING HUNTER'S INFO TOO MUCH CREDIT.
THEY ARE WHORES. AND WILL DO ANYTHING FOR IT.
TRACKING SLASH'S WHEREABOUTS MIGHT BE IN ORDER.
NO.
THERE'S NOTHING DEFINITE IN THIS WORLD.
WHAT?

I WANT TO SEE WITH MY OWN EYES.
HANG ON A SEC! WE CAN'T BE OUT THERE CAUSING MAYHEM ON THE STREETS LIKE LAST TIME.
.....
SLASH.

I WILL SEE YOU LATER, DAD.
OKAY, BE CAREFUL. WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC.♡
OKAY.
HMM? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WOLVES?
WATCH OUT FOR THE BOYS. THEY'RE ALL WOLVES. ♡
DON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT SOUNDS REMOTELY SWEET.

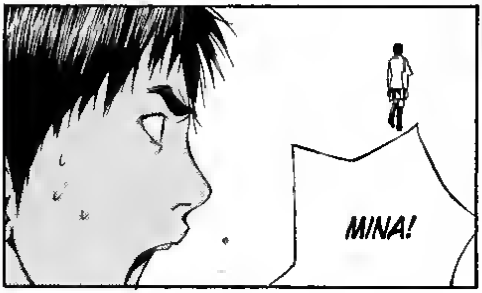
THOOONG
둥~

WHAT? WOLVES?
MR. BACH, YOU ARE A MAN, TOO. MAN...
HEY, HEY, HEY, I'M MINA'S FATHER!
DAH DAH DAH
SO BECAUSE YOU'RE HER FATHER, YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT? IS THAT IT?

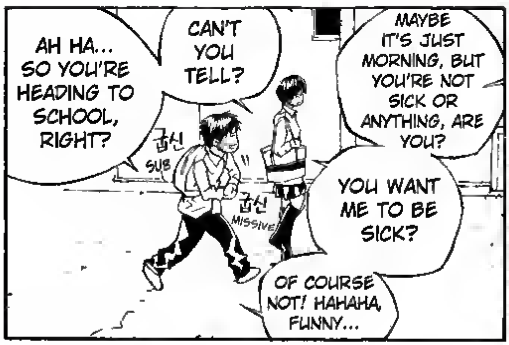
WHY YOU LITTLE PRICK, IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THIS KINDA STUFF. YOU WANNA PISS ME OFF? HUH?
OMG, WHAT A HEADACHE...
YOU STARTED CALLING PEOPLE NAMES, FIRST!

WHY YOU LITTLE PUNK BITCH, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU REGRET WHAT YOU SAID TO ME TODAY.
SHIT! REGRET MY ASS!!
I--!

MINA, WAIT!
WOO-HEHEHE, GO ON WITH YOUR PUNK SELF!
DON'T CALL ME THAT!


MINA!

HEY, WAIT FOR ME!


AH HA... SO YOU'RE HEADING TO SCHOOL, RIGHT?
CAN'T YOU TELL?
MAYBE IT'S JUST MORNING, BUT YOU'RE NOT SICK OR ANYTHING, ARE YOU?
YOU WANT ME TO BE SICK?
OF COURSE NOT! HAHAHA, FUNNY...
SUB
MISSIVE

IT'S FINE. BUT YOU MIGHT NEED TO HURRY UP AND GET A GOOD SPOT FOR ANOTHER PERVERTED EPISODE OF "I LOVE CHICKS ON BIBES," PART TWO.
THUD

I JUST THOUGHT I'D OFFER MY SERVICE TO YOU,
CHUKK
BY TAKING YOU TO SCHOOL.

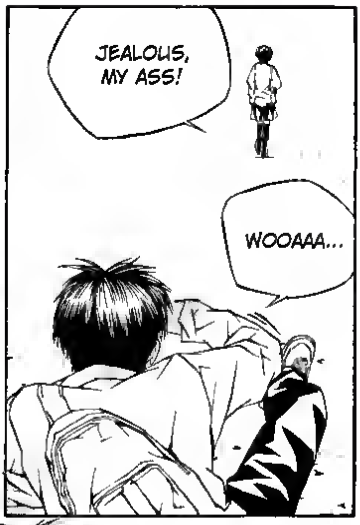
WHAT IS WITH YOU AND THIS PERVERTED JUS-TICE?
BU-RUKK
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE THERE AT THE TIME WHEN SHE PULLED IN. ARE YOU JEALOUS OR SOME-THING?

WHOOSH
JEA... LOUS?
SHUDDE

JEA ..... LOUS .....?
WE... I MEAN.... YOU KNO... HOW.....
HOW DID THAT GET IN HER HAND--

WHRACK

TENG EH
TENG EH
TENG EH


JEALOUS, MY ASS!
WOOAAA...

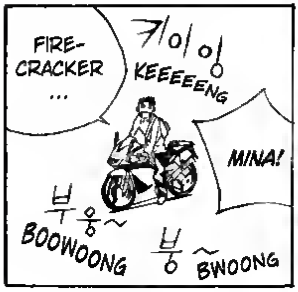
THUD
ROLL ROLL
데구르르

WAIT!
AH!

DAH DAH DAH
타 다 다

HEY!
BWOOOOO
부우우우

끼이이이
KEEEEK
AHH?!


FIRE-CRACKER ...
끼이이이
KEEEEENG
MINA!
부우우~
BOOWOONG
부우~
BWOONG

KRAANG
KHAAK!
WAAAAAA!
WHAM
COME ON OUT! NOW!
SHWEEK
YOU... MOTHER-FUCKER!!!

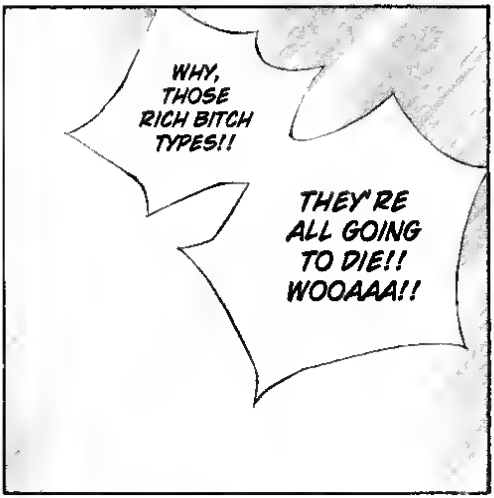
WHAT THE FUCK? I CAN'T SEE A THING.
THIS IS YOUR FAULT. COME ON OUT AND LET'S EXCHANGE INFO.

BWOOONG
부~
UH?

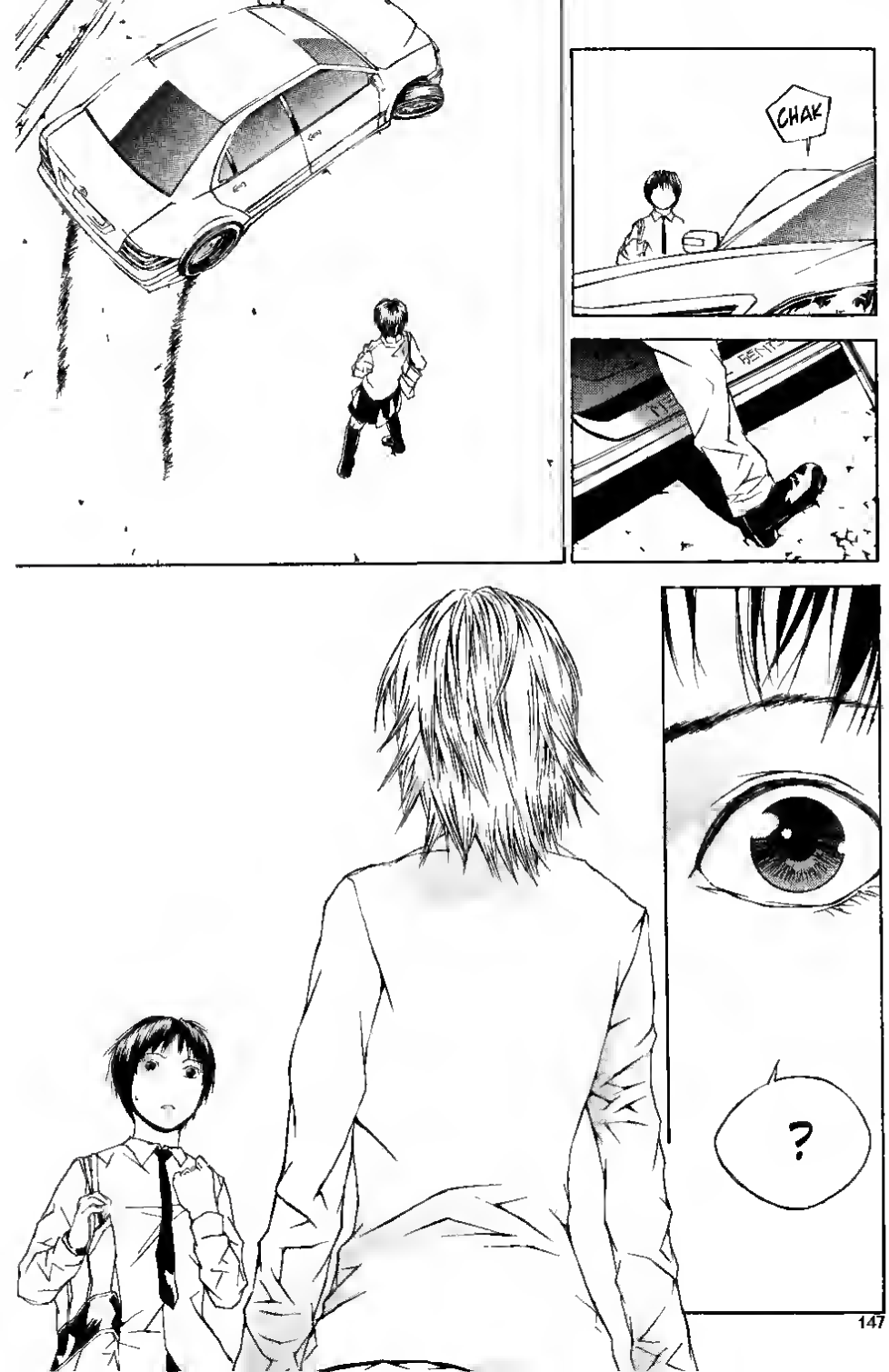
SHRRRR
스르르르
UHH...

WOOOOOOOng
우우우우
.....

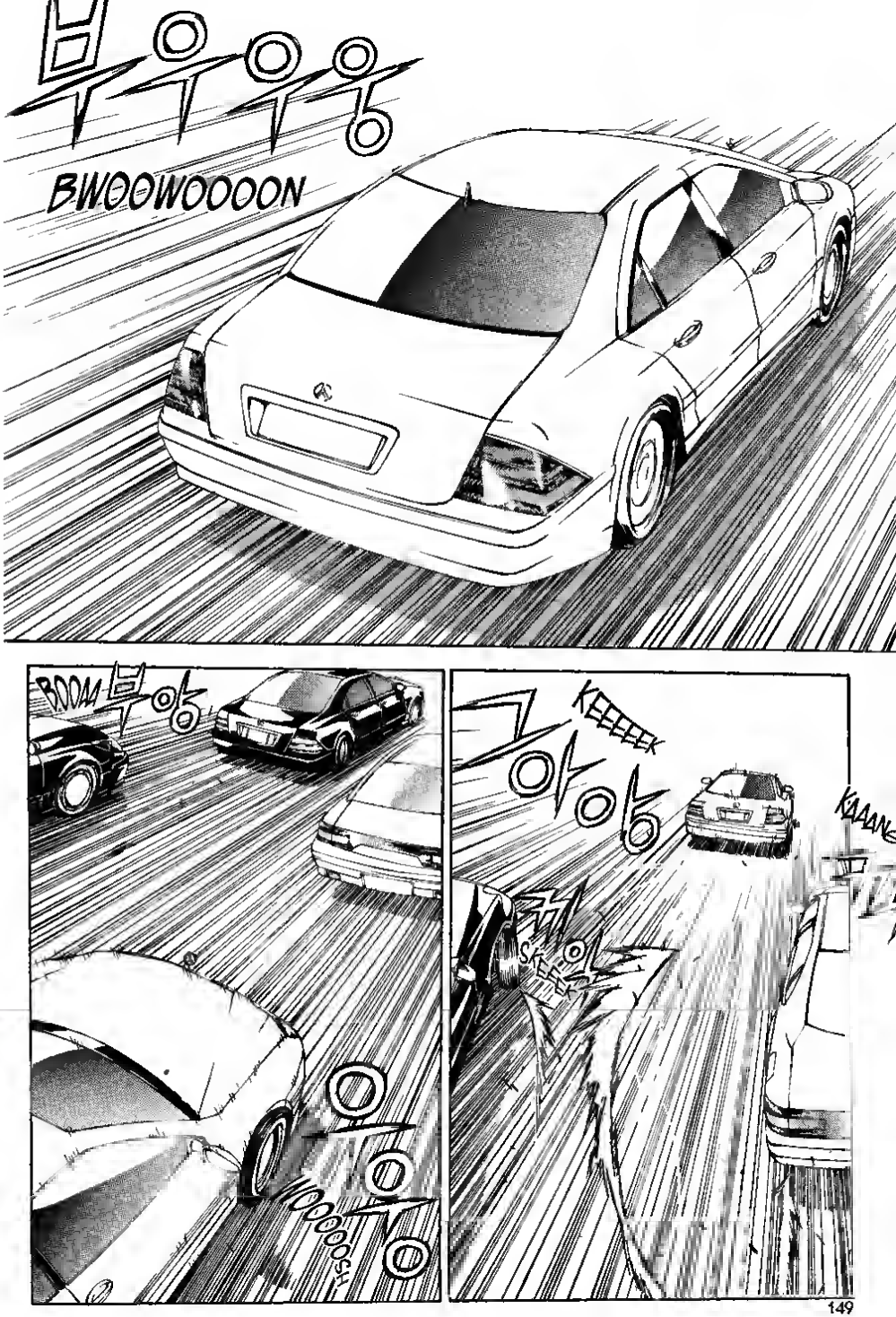
WHAT KIND OF SITUATION IS THIS?
THIS REALLY SUCKS ...


WHY, THOSE RICH BITCH TYPES!!
THEY' RE ALL GOING TO DIE!! WOOAAA!!

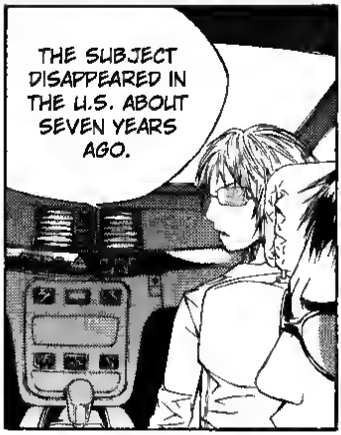
WHAT AN IDIOT... STUPID...
...HOPELESS PERVERT.
JEALOUS?
WHO IS HE KIDDING... WHAT A JOKE.
.....
BOOWOOOONG
KEEEEEK
AACK!
THAT IDIOT!
I STILL MISS HIM!!


CHAK
?

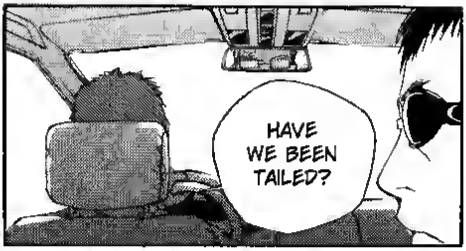
WHERE CAN SHE GO SO FAST?
우우우
WOOWOOOONG
부우우
BOO WOOO
HUH?
...IS THAT SAME JACKASS...
HEY NAZIMOBILE, IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY, CUS I GOTTA GO!
PERI VERT!

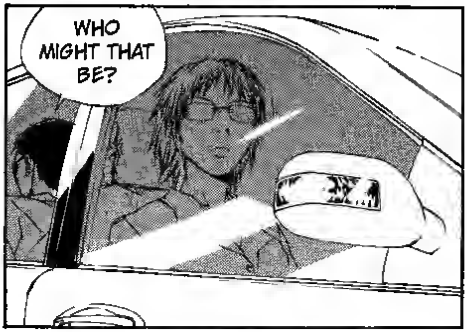

부우우우
BWOOWOOOON
BOOM
부우
KEEEEEK
끼이이
KAAANG
SCREEEECH
우우우
WOOOOSH

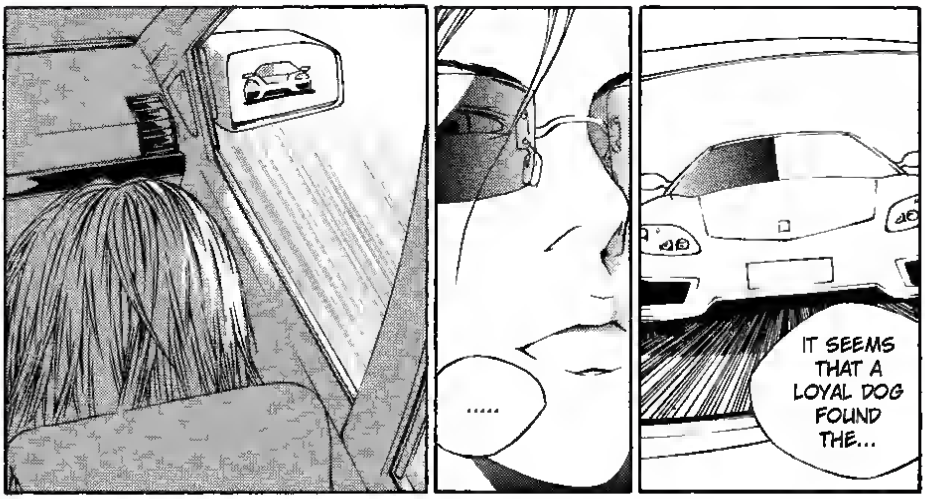
SHE LOOKS EVEN YOUNGER IN PERSON.


THE SUBJECT DISAPPEARED IN THE U.S. ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO.

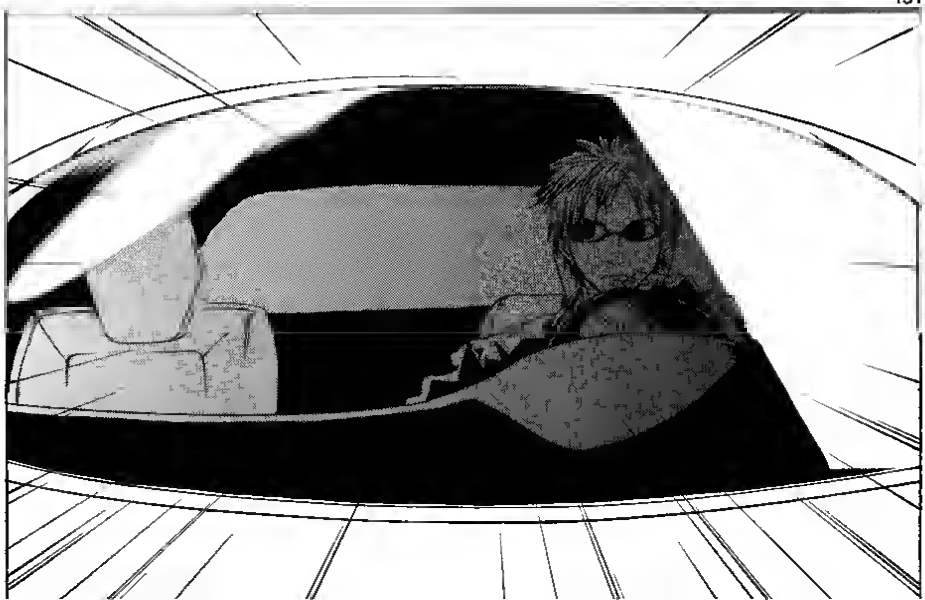
LET ME CHECK HER VITAL STATS REAL QUICK.


HAVE WE BEEN TAILED?


WHO MIGHT THAT BE?


.....
IT SEEMS THAT A LOYAL DOG FOUND THE...

...THE TRAIL OF HIS MASTER.

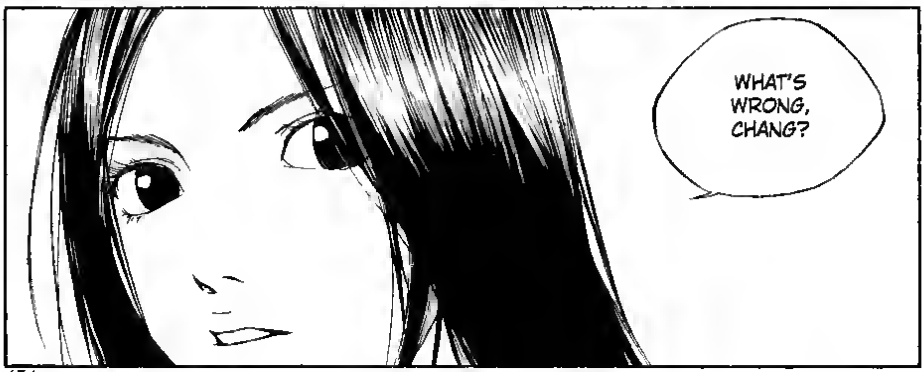


REALLY? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN HER THIS MORNING?
NOT AT ALL, I THOUGHT SHE WAS COMING WITH YOU.
I SAW HER IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE. THAT WAS IT.
CLASS IS ABOUT TO START, I HOPE SHE MAKES IT.
HI! JIHA.♡
THANKS.
WHERE DID SHE GO...
.....
HI!
GOOD MORN-ING!♡
HUIN CHANG!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT... IT'S NOTHING, REALLY.
ACK!
CRINGE
I HAVEN'T SEEN MINA AROUND, HAVE YOU?
DIDN'T SHOW UP YET. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HER.
HUH?
REALLY?
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CLASS.
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER, I WONDER...
SHE'S SO DAMN HOT!

WSHH

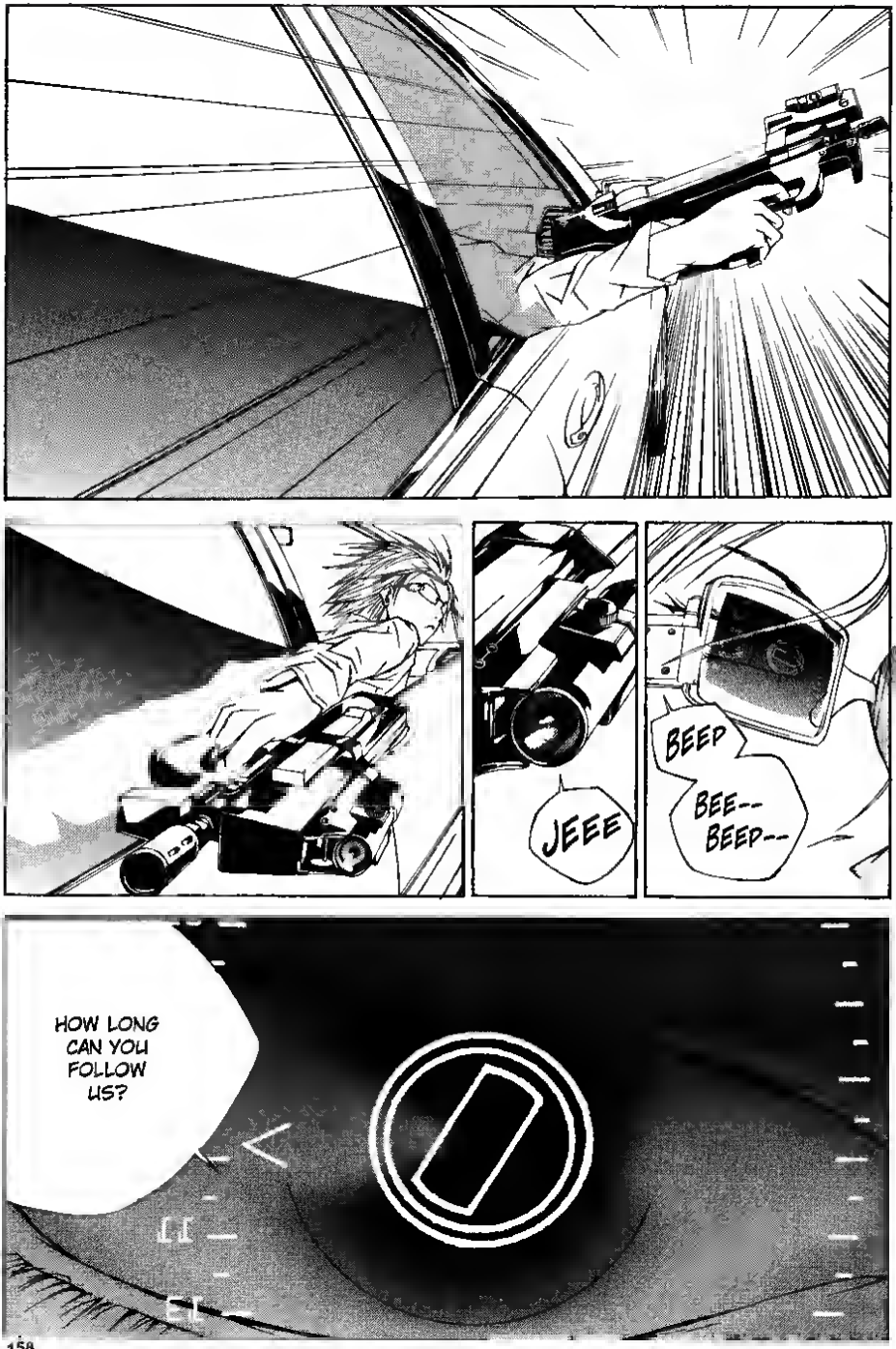
NO WAY...


WHAT'S WRONG, CHANG?

TAK
TAK
TAK
.....
SHEE--IT!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
HUIN CHANG!
HEY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TAK
TAK
TAK
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM SUDDENLY?

BOOAAAAAAA
KEEEEEK
KAAANG
KEEEEK
SKEEEREEEEK
WOAANG
SKRCH

KAANG
HE'S STILL BEHIND US!
SHRAANG
PUSH
LET'S SEE...
WEEEEEN



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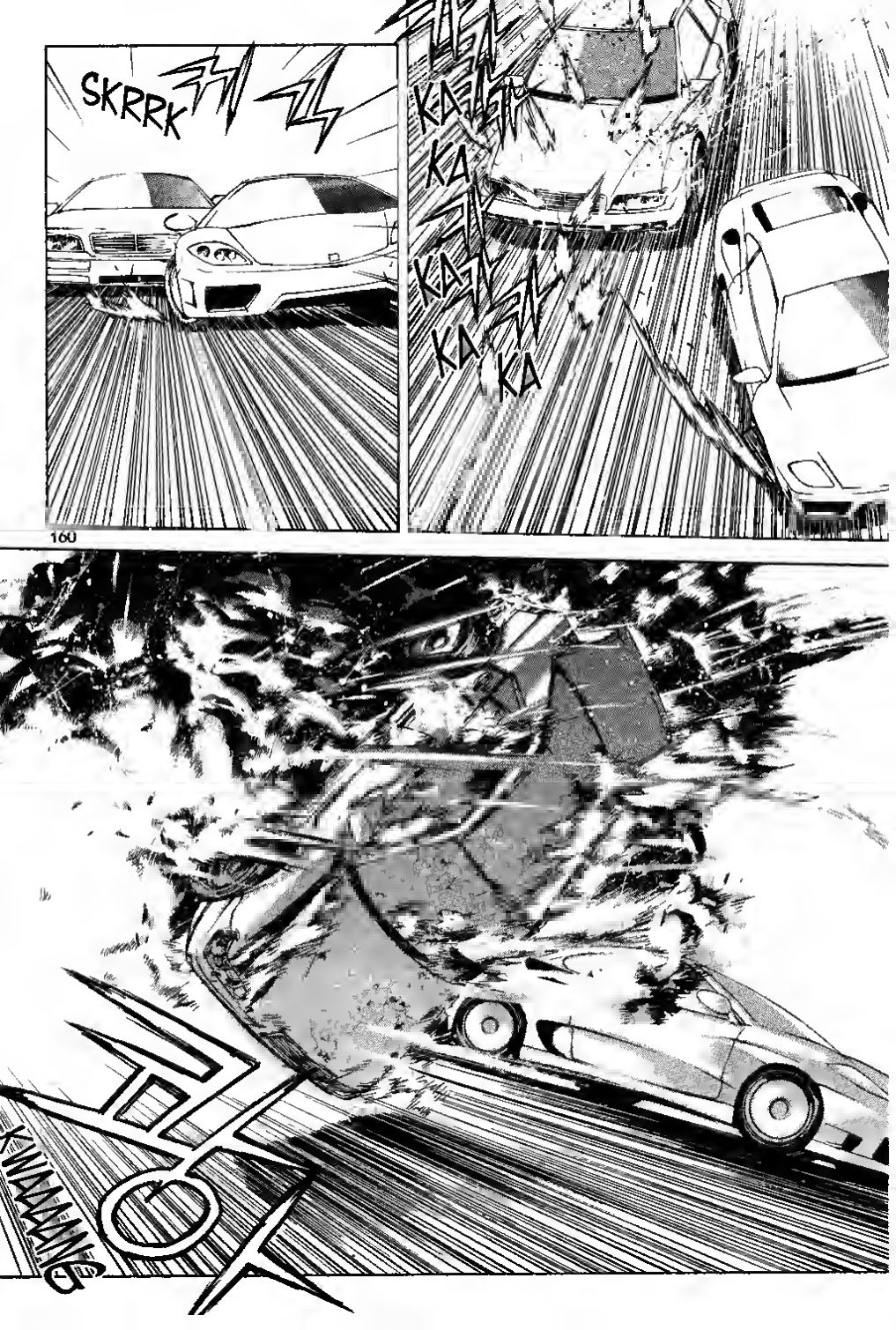
Kidnaping(2)

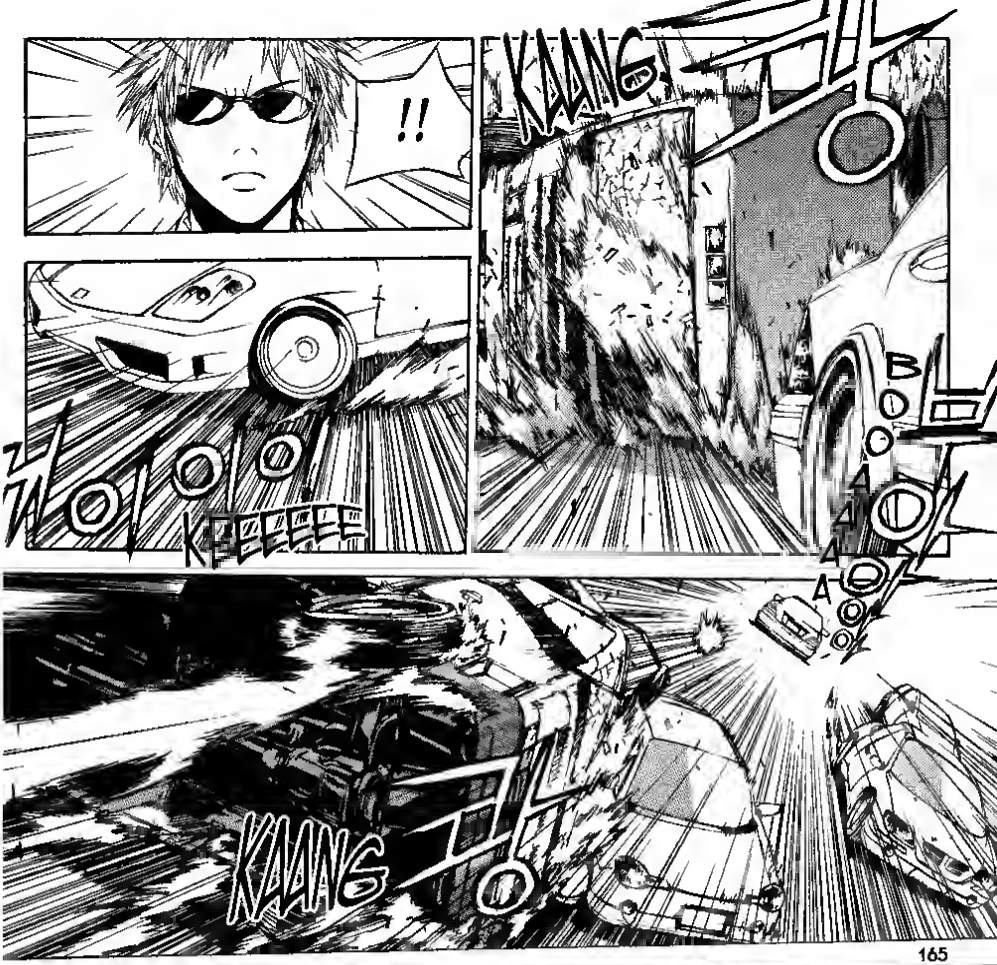

SKRRK
KA
KA
KA
KA
KA
KWAAAANG
BOOM

BROOM
SKRKK
BOOM
BOOM
BANG
SHIT!
WATCH OUT!

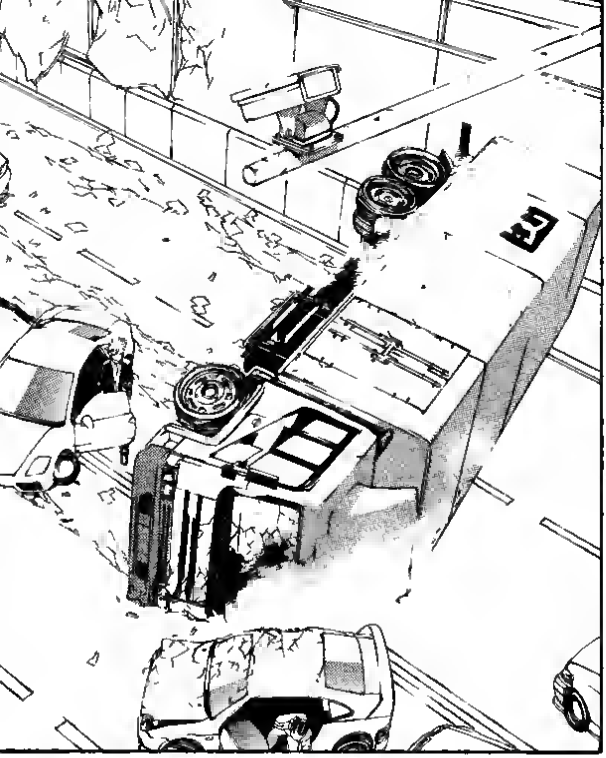
SWSHH
BOOAA

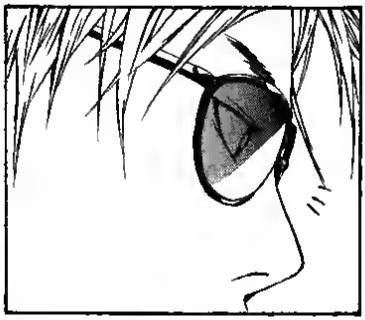
MOVE IN FRONT OF THIS TRUCK.
GOAAAA
WHO'RE THESE CLOWNS?
!
THOO
THOO
THOO
THOO
THOO

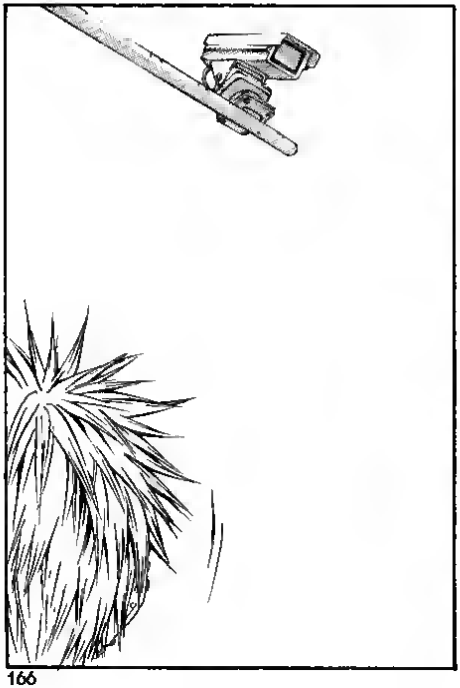
PULLING
WOOAAA!
SKREEE
-KWAA KWAA KWAA KWAA

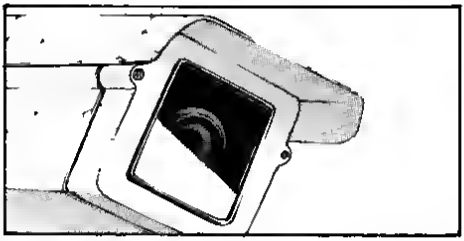

!!
KAANG
KEEEEEE
AAAAA
KAANG

KEEEEEK









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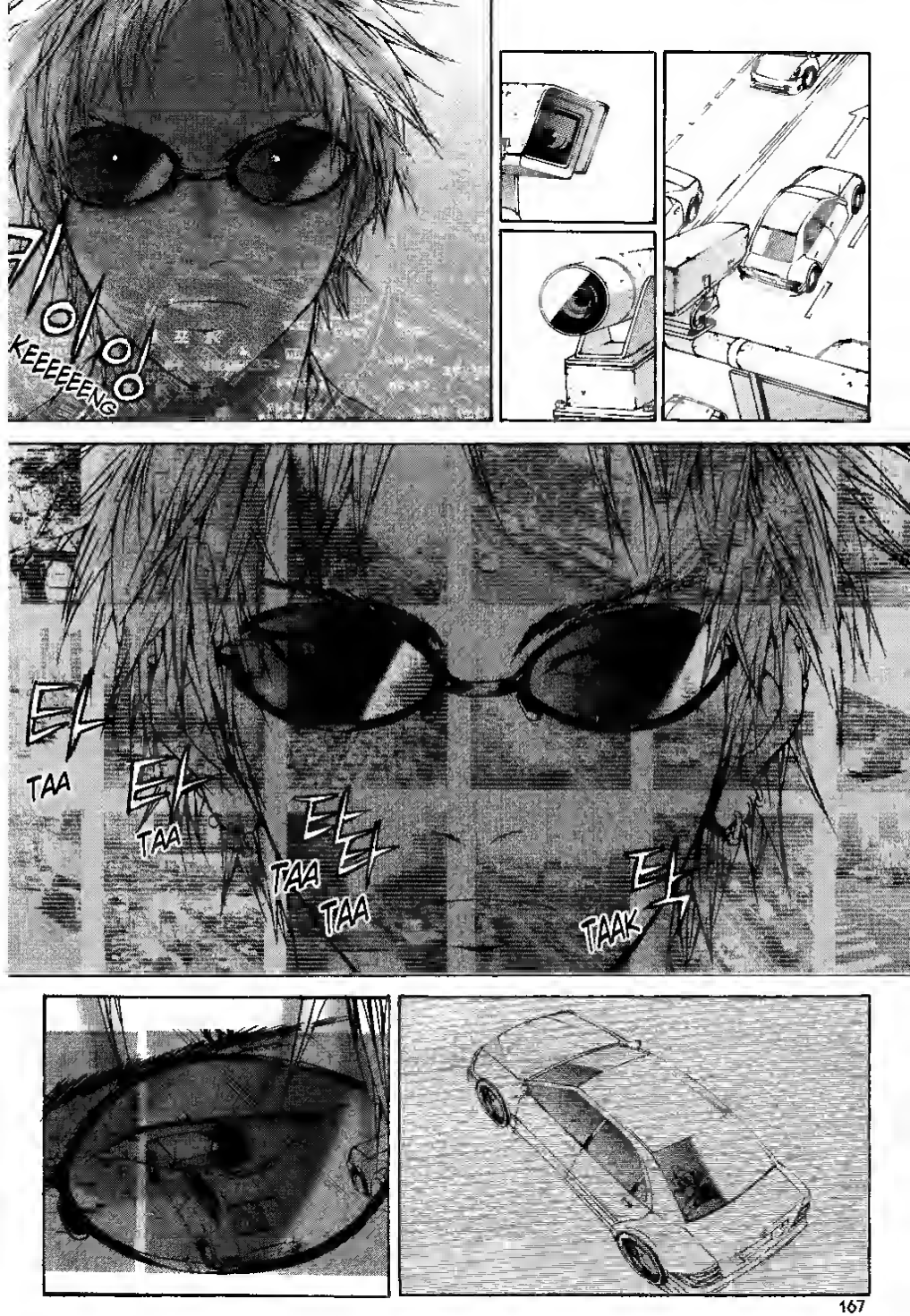

KEEEEEENG
TAA
TAA
TAA
TAA
TAAK

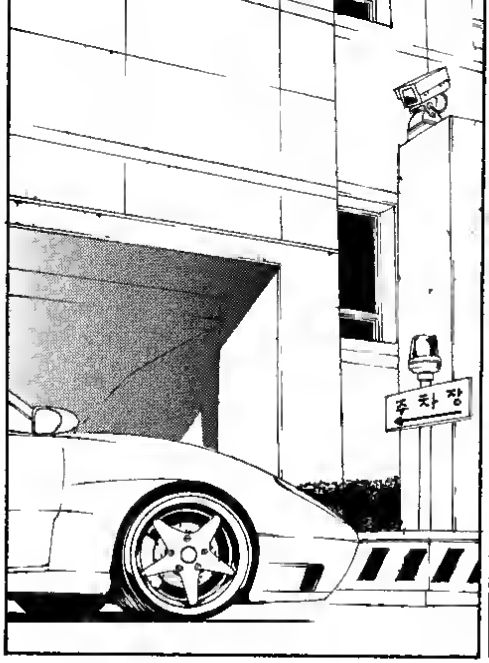
NEW...
...TYPE?
THIS WAS MADE BY A TOP-SECRET BLACK OP. AMERICAN AGENCY.
IT'S CONSIDERED AS NEWEST OF THE PROTOTYPES.
I.E., LET'S SAY IT'S POSSIBLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANYONE IN ANY PLACE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ANY MECHANISMS WITHOUT ANY DIGITAL HICCUPS OF ANY KIND IN SECONDS.
SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP ALL OF US. THUS SOCIETY AND THE WORLD. THE... ULTIMATE BIOMECHANICAL HYBRID BEING.
THAT'S--

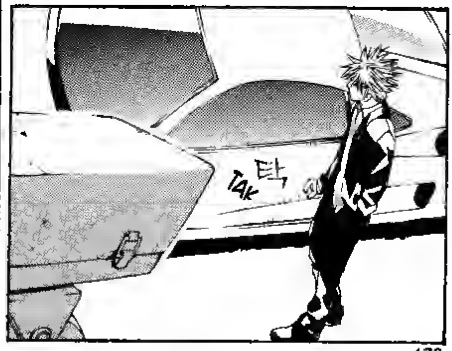
THAT'S HER.
SPIKE... DUDE... WHAT'RE YOU JABBERING 'BOUT? HEH?
SEEN TOO MANY MOVIES MAYBE?
SOMEONE TO HELP US? SOCIETY?
SORRY TO BREAK THIS NEWS TO YOU, BUT YOU SEE, MY MAMMA AND PAPPA IS MY HELP...
DIDN'T YOU CHECK YOUR FILES?
SHE LEFT YOU A MESSAGE IN YOUR MEMORY.
SHE...
YOU...
...ARE GONNA BE ME...

YOU AND I ARE SAME HYBRID AND WE WERE DESIGNED AND CREATED TO PROTECT HER.
WE'RE HER GUARDIANS.
I KNEW I WAS RIGHT.
HAHA, I JUST HAD THIS WEIRD FEELING...
...YOU WERE THE GUARDIAN.
I KEEP THINKING, WHY'D THEY PICKED SUCH A LOSER LIKE YOURSELF.
GUARDIAN...?
IT'S...

...TIME FOR YOUR AWAKENING.
BOOAAAA

SO I'M OUT HERE...
BUT WHERE THE HELL AM I GOING?
SHIT!
KEEEEEEENG
?!
WHAT THE?





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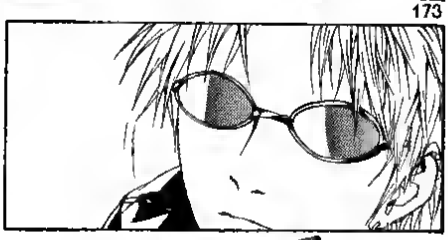

.....
DING
1F
SHRRR
JUST A SEC!
THUNK
SHRRR

OH, PARDON US...
MURMUR MURMUR
WE ALMOST MISSED IT.
SHRR
TUM
COCKROACHES...
ARE HERE...

KAAANG
KYAAA!
SHIT.
SHAK SHAK
WSHH

PAAK
UHH!
PUUK
SHEEEK
CHUUK
HNEEK
TAANG
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KHUKK!
WOOAAA!!
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KYAA!
WOOAAAAA!!
WHAM
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TAANG
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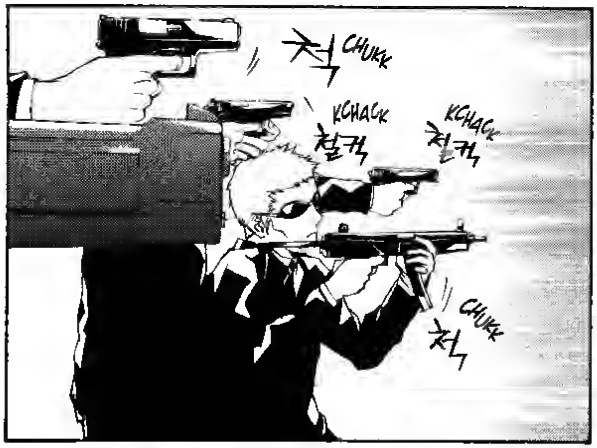
DING
21F
SHRRR
THUD
THUD
THUD
SHKK
COCKROACHES STICK TOGETHER, YES.



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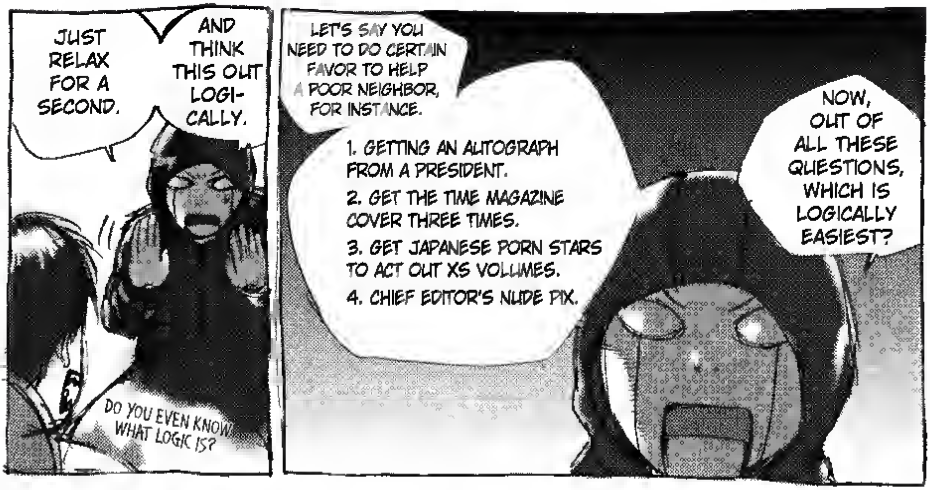
BONUS PAGE
Only The Strong Survive
VOL 3!!
CHUKK
YE--AH!!
CHUKK
REALLY.
XS CHIEF EDITOR RA SANG GYUN.
THAT'S THE ONLY SOLU-TION...
...YOU CAN THINK OF?
GULP
IT IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO SAVE THE...
...KOREAN COMIC INDUSTRY ITSELF.
XS CREATOR MR. SONG AKA JH
BESIDES
...WE CAN USE IT AS PART OF A CELEBRATION FOR PUBLISHING VOLUME THREE. TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE, YOU KNOW THE STORY.
HOO-WOO, BUT YOU SEE...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO DRAW ME NUDE AND PUT IT IN THE COMICS?
HIKK! SCARED THE LIVING LIGHTS OUT OF ME.
GRAAK
HAVE YOU COMPLETELY LOST IT?
IF YOU WANT NUDE PIX DO A SELF PORTRAIT
WHY ARE YOU MESSING WITH ME?


JUST RELAX FOR A SECOND.
AND THINK THIS OUT LOGI-CALLY.
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT LOGIC IS?
LET'S SAY YOU NEED TO DO CERTAIN FAVOR TO HELP A POOR NEIGHBOR, FOR INSTANCE.
1. GETTING AN AUTOGRAPH FROM A PRESIDENT.
2. GET THE TIME MAGAZINE COVER THREE TIMES.
3. GET JAPANESE PORN STARS TO ACT OUT XS VOLUMES.
4. CHIEF EDITOR'S NUDE PIX.
NOW, OUT OF ALL THESE QUESTIONS, WHICH IS LOGICALLY EASIEST?

...FOUR
NUMBER FOUR...
BINGO!
CHUKK
I TOLD YOU, YOU WILL SEE THE LIGHT!
PLUS, WE NEED GOOD LOOKING PEOPLE LIKE YOUR-SELF
ENEMY~♡
SO WHAT SAY YOU, MR. RA?
IS IT COOL?
IS IT COOL?
IS IT COOL?
STUNNED AND GETS ON THE SEMI-HOMOPHOBIC STANCE.
IF YOU WANNA DO IT, MAYBE I NEED A PICTURE OF YOU IN COLOR...
AFTER WE MAKE A SPLASH, I WILL BUY DINNER ♡
MR RA? WHAT'RE YOU ♡ DOING?
CHUKK

"HE WAS ONE MAD EDITOR, THAT MR. RA.

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